

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

PRELIMINARY REPORT

OF THE

REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS,

1896;

WITH MEMORANDUM REGARDING MARRIAGES.

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POPULATION.

The number of persons in the Colony, *excluding* British Bechuanaland which was only annexed on the 15th November, 1895, and Pondoland, which is not subject to the provisions of the Births and Deaths Registration Act (the latter of which territories need be taken into account), was probably about 1,821,551 on the 31st December, 1896, if the increment is taken all round at 2 per cent. per annum.

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION.

The Customs Department continues to collect particulars of arrivals and departures *by sea*. According to these returns—which do not include Naval and Military passengers, and in which children are reckoned at the ordinary scale as adults—the excess of arrivals over departures between the 1st of January, 1891 (the census was held in April in that year), and the 31st December, 1896, was 59,896, practically all Europeans.

As regards the proportion of the voluntary immigrants (state-aided immigration being conducted on the smallest possible scale) who remained in the Colony, and what number proceeded to the North—the Transvaal, the Free State and Rhodesia—the reports rendered by the General Manager of Railways are full of interest.

PASSENGERS BY RAIL, 1896.

PROCEEDING TO CAPE COLONY.

Year and Month.	European or White.				Other than European or White.				Grand Total.
	Infants	Under 12	Adults.	Total.	Infants.	Under 12	Adults.	Total.	
1896.									
January	414	753	5,684	6,851	77	157	719	953	7,804
February	324	454	3,482	4,260	94	117	431	642	4,902
March	170	355	3,833	4,338	33	43	629	705	5,043
April	223	448	4,183	4,854	46	65	469	580	5,434
May	144	313	2,579	3,036	36	27	433	496	3,532
June	127	305	2,355	2,787	42	18	375	435	3,222
July	100	253	2,486	2,839	20	51	370	441	3,280
August	96	219	2,194	2,509	19	26	443	488	2,997
September	92	216	2,362	2,670	22	20	413	455	3,125
October	94	209	2,478	2,781	22	25	346	393	3,174
November	99	240	2,579	2,918	9	9	344	362	3,280
December	211	479	3,988	4,678	19	28	253	305	4,983
Total 12 Months	2,094	4,224	38,203	44,521	439	586	5,230	6,255	50,776

PASSENGERS BY RAIL, 1896.—(Continued.)

PROCEEDING TO CAPE COLONY.—Continued.

Year and Month.	European or White.				Other than European or White.				Grand Total.
	Infants.	Under 12.	Adults.	Total.	Infants.	Under 12.	Adults.	Total.	
1896. BETHULIE.									
June	2	39	585	626	..	6	1,790	1,796	2,422
July .. .. .	..	3	501	504	..	..	1,592	1,592	2,096
August .. .. .	..	3	474	477	..	..	1,761	1,761	2,238
September	4	13	555	572	..	..	1,335	1,335	1,907
October .. .. .	..	..	485	485	..	..	2,382	2,382	2,867
November .. .. .	..	..	470	470	..	..	2,742	2,742	3,212
December	7	..	981	988	..	1	3,181	3,182	4,170
Total 7 Months	13	58	4,051	4,122	..	7	14,783	14,790	18,912
1896. MAFEKING.									
January	9	9	397	415	5	11	388	404	819
February	2	12	245	259	2	10	92	104	363
March	2	4	730	736	1	9	101	111	847
April	1	4	850	855	2	12	201	215	1,070
May	2	6	2,003	2,011	1	14	305	320	2,331
June	4	10	2,160	2,174	7	15	740	762	2,936
July	5	8	2,230	2,243	3	10	507	520	2,763
August	15	21	871	907	7	15	782	804	1,711
September	4	6	492	502	15	16	575	606	1,108
October	1	22	895	918	..	15	810	825	1,743
November	2	11	668	681	..	8	689	697	1,378
December .. .. .	..	14	1,451	1,465	..	5	637	642	2,107
Total 12 Months	60	185	17,043	17,288	43	147	20,610	20,800	38,088

PROCEEDING FROM CAPE COLONY.

Year and Month.	European or White.				Other than European or White.				Grand Total.
	Infants.	Under 12.	Adults.	Total.	Infants.	Under 12.	Adults.	Total.	
1896. NORVAL'S PONT.									
January	247	543	3,757	4,547	36	70	483	589	5,136
February	155	304	2,594	3,053	75	68	456	599	3,652
March	186	374	1,928	2,488	34	47	495	576	3,064
April	182	323	3,191	3,696	37	39	371	447	4,143
May	201	362	3,584	4,147	46	73	426	545	4,692
June	168	393	3,440	4,001	43	81	523	647	4,648
July	123	368	4,238	4,729	25	55	494	574	5,303
August	143	295	4,000	4,438	38	53	808	899	5,337
September	152	357	4,510	5,019	32	37	586	655	5,674
October	178	397	5,230	5,805	30	39	529	598	6,403
November	200	314	3,903	4,417	23	37	1,665	1,795	6,142
December	169	558	4,883	5,610	11	27	503	541	6,151
Total 12 Months	2,104	4,588	45,258	51,950	430	626	7,339	8,395	60,345
1896. BETHULIE.									
June	13	109	650	772	4	22	2,034	2,060	2,832
July	3	33	586	622	..	14	2,129	2,143	2,765
August .. .. .	..	11	554	565	..	..	2,017	2,017	2,582
September .. .. .	..	3	381	384	..	..	1,275	1,275	1,659
October .. .. .	..	4	549	553	..	..	788	788	1,341
November .. .. .	..	4	451	455	..	..	583	583	1,038
December .. .. .	..	..	610	610	..	..	467	467	1,077
Total 7 Months	16	164	3,781	3,961	4	36	9,293	9,333	13,294
1896. MAFEKING.									
January	8	13	464	485	4	11	325	340	825
February	1	9	279	289	1	12	91	104	393
March	1	10	1,357	1,368	2	8	92	102	1,470
April	1	3	1,706	1,710	4	12	140	156	1,866
May	2	3	1,306	1,311	5	16	407	428	1,739
June	2	8	1,035	1,045	3	17	380	400	1,445
July	2	7	976	985	2	8	370	380	1,365
August	2	12	672	686	5	3	521	529	1,215
September	3	16	385	404	7	11	562	580	984
October	6	13	699	718	1	15	524	540	1,258
November	1	10	493	504	..	12	456	468	972
December .. .. .	..	11	430	441	..	7	398	405	846
Total 12 Months	45	279	13,583	13,907	38	168	13,619	13,755	27,672

It follows from the above stated facts that the balance against Colony was 4,048 Europeans. The Bethulie returns are unfortunately (owing to a misunderstanding on the part of the department concerned) for 7 only instead of 12 months, and are *not* included in this calculation.

REVENUE, 1896.

Arranging the Districts according to the amount of the collections on account of Births and Deaths Registration in each, it is found that they take the following order:—

	£	s.	d.
Cape [with Simonstown and Wynberg]	25	10	0
Port Elizabeth	12	3	6
Kimberley	9	5	0
East London	4	19	6
Albany	2	17	6
Albert	2	5	0
Queenstown	2	3	6
Graaff-Reinet and Cradock, <i>each</i>	1	15	0
Oudtshoorn and Malmesbury, <i>each</i>	1	7	6
Aliwal North, Beaufort West, Carnarvon, Prince Albert, Stellenbosch, and Worcester, <i>each</i>	1	0	0
Cathcart, Middelburg, Paarl, Tarka and Victoria West, <i>each</i>	0	15	0
Port Nolloth	0	12	6
George, King William's Town, Mafeking and Uitenhage, <i>each</i>	0	10	0
Mount Currie and Philipstown, <i>each</i>	0	7	6
Maclear	0	6	0
Bathurst, Bredasdorp, Barkly West, Fort Beaufort, Hanover, Hopetown, Peddie, Robertson, Somerset East, Swellendam, Sutherland, Victoria East and Willowmore, <i>each</i>	0	5	0
Calvinia, Hay and Umtata, <i>each</i>	0	2	6
Total (46 D. R's)	82	10	0

Thus 46 Deputies collected £82 10s. 0d., compared with £53 4s. 6d. received by 39 in 1895.

The Municipal Records of Births and Deaths kept prior to 1st January, 1895, and the Voluntary Births Registration Books are preserved in the Fireproof Safe of the Central Office, where £20 4s. 0d. was collected. The *total* revenue was therefore £102 14s. 0d., against £64 10s. 6d. in 1895.

The fee for alteration or assignment of a child's christian name is 2s. 6d.; for a search, 1s. for each year or part of a year; for a certificate, 5s.—all payable in revenue stamps. If a Certificate is *authenticated* by the Under Colonial Secretary, that officer charges a fee of 15s. in addition.

EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure brought to account for the financial year 1895-6, amounted to £2,444 for salaries and allowances to the staff in the Central Office, the Deputy Registrars, their Assistants and Field-cornets, and £622 for Printing and Stationery (including Index Books and the main stock of amended Births and Deaths Reports).

For 1896-7, the disbursements, as far as brought to charge to 1st January, 1897, totalled to £1,637 for general services, and £84 for printed forms and books.

ADMINISTRATION.

No great amount of compulsion in the carrying out of the provisions of the Act has as yet been resorted to. In 1895 twenty persons were charged, and in 1896 sixty (thirteen being Europeans), with the result that fifty-four convictions followed, while three cases were withdrawn and three otherwise disposed of. There was, moreover, one case of contravening § 20, Act 7 of 1894 (false statement) dealt with at the Northern Circuit of the Eastern Districts Court in connection with an incest case.

Government Notice No. 1,017 of 19th October, 1896, which appeared in the English, Dutch and Kafir languages and was circulated far and wide, conveyed a significant warning that the leniency hitherto shown would not be continued. Owing to the severe drought and distress which has prevailed in several of the Karroo Districts considerable allowance for unpunctuality has been made with the cognisance of the Central Office. At the time of gathering the statistics of the crops and of livestock, the selected enumerators are required to personally visit *every* holding in the Colony. They are always provided with the general notifications regarding registration, and on *this* occasion (in the 1897 enumeration) have special instructions to enquire whether all recent events have been duly reported; they are enabled, moreover, by the last published regulations to then and there take and sign the necessary papers, thus saving informants residing on remote farms both time and trouble.

The comments of the Deputy Registrars on this subject are given in their own words: see pp. ix-xxxiv.

The only Magistrates who have still (5th April, 1897) retained the appointment of Deputy Registrar *ex-officio* are the following:—

In the *Old Colony*.—Britstown, Colesberg, George, Glen Grey, Herschel, Hopetown, Middelburg, Montagu, Mossel Bay, Murraysburg, Peddie, Port Nolloth, Riversdale, with Walfish Bay. In *Bechuanaland*—Gordonia and Kuruman.

On the other hand the only special appointments in the *Transkeian Territories* are in the following Districts, viz.: Mount Currie, Engcobo, Butterworth, Idutywa and Kentani.

It will be convenient to record here for reference the changes that have been made in the last 15 months as regards the constitution or abolition of Urban and Rural Areas.

NEW DISTRICT CREATED.

Montagu. P. No. 5, 9/1/97. [part of Robertson, Swellendam and Worcester].

DISTRICT ABOLISHED.

Taung. P. No. 149 of 1896. Became 1st July, 1896, part of Vryburg.

NEW AREAS.

URBAN.—Napier (Bredasdorp). P. No. 150, 28th April, '96. V. M. Board.
 Hackney and others (Q.T.). P. No. 259, 27th July, '96. Do.
 Indwe (Wodehouse). P. No. 313, 12th Oct., 1896. Do.
 Engcobo. P. No. 437, 14th December, 1896. Do.
 Vosburg (Victoria W.). P. No. 427, 12th Dec., '96. Municipality.
 Laingsburg (P. Albert). P. No. 42, 8th Feb., '97. V. M. Board.
 Rhodes (Barkly E.). P. No. 70, 6th March, 1897. Do.

RURAL.—Cookhouse (Bedford). G. N. 1155, 25th November, 1896.
 Middelburg Road (Middelburg). G. N. 1235, 28th Dec., 1896.
 Richmond Road (Richmond). G. N. 18, 11th January, 1897.

NATIVE LOCATION SYSTEM ABOLISHED.

Barkly West District. G. N. 91, 15th January, 1897.
 Hay. G. N. 101, 4th February, 1897.

OTHER CHANGES (Transfers).

Special Urban Area became Municipality. Somerset W. Strand (Stellenbosch). P. 202, 15th June, 1896.

Special Urban Area became V. M. Board. Humansdorp, P. 363, 19th October, 1896; Douglas (Herbert), P. 414, 5th December, 1896.

Village Board became Special Urban Area. Springbok (Namaqualand). P. 273, 17th August, 1896.

Village Board became Municipality. Mafeking. P. 305, 10th September, 1896; Vryburg. P. 306, 10th September, 1896.

Note.—Two-thirds Village Board Area absorbed in Municipality.

Maitland to Woodstock. P. 2, 9th January, 1897.

P. Proclamation. G. N.—Government Notice.

OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS.

In statistical work changes in the *personnel* of the office are much to be deprecated. With feelings of pleasure I may therefore say that only one of the staff, and a very deserving member thereof, left in 1896, with a view to seek a more suitable climate. For some months past the regular establishment has consisted of *seven* officials—four being exclusively employed in tabulation. Upwards of 4,000 observations on the births and deaths forms submitted were despatched in 1896. The rule of the department is to query on essential points only, otherwise that number would have been largely increased. As it is, the *whole* time of *two* clerks is occupied in attending to the receipt, custody, and examination of the forms that arrive every month. Although considerable allowance should be made for the distractions in the offices of Deputy Registrars, one is forced to the conclusion that the exercise of more care at the right time would really save all the parties, including the Deputies themselves, much future trouble. Errors and omissions in *names* and *dates* naturally give rise to the greatest amount of inconvenience, as the original informant him or herself has obviously to add or amend the necessary particulars.

The system whereby entries are copied on to the specially prepared cards has now been applied to the Native Registrations with—as was anticipated in Section vii., Report for 1895—satisfactory results.

In connection with the subject of “queries,” it is not out of place to allude here to certain correspondence which has passed in regard to the names of natives and the bearing of custom thereon.

Major Elliot, C.M.G., the Chief Magistrate of Tembuland, Transkei and Pondoland, to whom this department is much indebted for kind assistance in many ways, telegraphed as follows on the 8th January, 1897:—

“When a native woman marries by native custom her birth name is abandoned, and a name is given to her by her husband. Her paternal name also falls into disuse, she taking the paternal name of her husband's family. Names borne before marriage therefore are entirely abandoned, but might be used for the purpose of tracing descent. Boys retain names given them at birth, except the sons of chiefs, who are usually, when they attain man's estate, given by the councillors some high-sounding name, which they retain through life. Boys also retain parental name. The foregoing is the custom amongst all tribes, I believe, except the Pondos.”

Another authority, Mr. R. J. Dick, Special Magistrate, Tamacha, K. W. T., writes to say:—

“As a matter of practice and custom, surnames, as such, have never been and are not even now used by these people (natives). In imitation of our own custom some of the natives are commencing to use a surname, but from such capricious and whimsical motives as can only make confusion worse confounded before long. Both Heathen and Christian women after marriage drop their maiden names, whether baptismal or not, and assume a name received from their husband's family. This name being in all cases a single name—such as “Mary,” or “Nolente.” It may help to throw some light on this question if it is borne in mind that owing to a peculiar Kaffir custom a married woman may not mention by name her husband or his male progenitors. This custom is so strictly observed that I have frequently in Court to threaten married women for refusing to mention their husbands' name.”

It is not the policy or intention of this department to interfere with any distinct native custom. It is simply desired that one definite plan of reporting may be followed. If, therefore, a Christian native woman contracts a marriage, and such marriage is solemnized under the provisions of the Order in Council of 1838, or the Marriage Act of 1860, it will surely not be unreasonable to require that when such person comes to report the birth of her child, or the death of her husband, she shall sign the information form in the manner contemplated by the regulations. All that is aimed at is *consistency*. If the Registration system is to be of any value for the purposes of identifying individuals and facilitating the tracing of claims to property, uniformity of practice must be insisted upon. Obviously in a contingency of this nature no positive instructions can be issued to the Deputies or their Assistants. There are so many qualifying circumstances to be judged of, according to the place and the people, that no set of directions that could now be drawn up on such a delicate subject would satisfy all parties. Time, no doubt, will apply its own remedy to all these present inconveniences. Natives, who have the choice of *two* methods of registration—the one peculiar to Bantu tribes and the other general—cannot complain when they elect (as is becoming the fashion in Bathurst district, for example) to take the larger system, if they are required to answer the questions as a European would.

TABULATION BY OCCURRENCE DATES.

Reports relative to Births and Deaths are rendered monthly (becoming due on the 16th of each month and now usually arriving within 14 days from such due date), but the *final* results appear according to the *dates of the occurrences*. Consequently the Returns certainly of Births and probably of Deaths that happened in 1895 cannot now be looked upon as complete, while the already published figures will need considerable interpolations in respect to the additions to the families of the people.

It was stated [§ viii, 1st Report, 1895] that “if the full details are not required, returns of Deaths in *urban areas* during 1896 could be prepared within three months from the end of that year.” As a matter of fact the *detailed audited* statistics of nearly 18,000 deaths of 1896 were finished on the 31st March, 1897. See annexed List.

List of Districts with number of Deaths in each as registered to 15th January, 1897, tabulated by 31st March, 1897, in detail as regards Diseases and causes of Deaths by Ages:—

Aberdeen, 193; Albany, 733; Albert, 350; Alexandria, 172; Aliwal North, 191; Barkly East, 74; Barkly West, 326; Bathurst, 181; Beaufort West, 317; Bedford, 229; Bredasdorp, 140; Britstown, 141; Caledon, 249; Calvinia, 177; Cape—Cape Town, 1,722; Cape, 620; Carnarvon, 155; Cathcart, 105; Cradoek, 412; East London, 513; Graaff-Reinet, 522; Kimberley, 1,358; King William's Town, 2,005; Malmesbury, 505; Mossel Bay, 116; Oudtshoorn, 761; Paarl, 614; Port Elizabeth, 1,255; Queens-

15th April, 1896, classified under each cause, with distinction between Certified and All Cases, and arranged by White and Coloured Races separately.—(Continued.)

20—		25—		30—		35—		45—		55—		65—		75—		85 and upwards.		Total over 5 Years.		Ages un-specified.		All Ages.				
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Per-sons.	All races.	
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	4	2	6	..
5	8	7	6	4	5	9	8	7	4	6	7	6	6	6	2	..	..	67	62	1	..	113	112	225	..
57	34	46	46	37	43	76	60	67	52	67	48	41	48	18	21	7	12	631	604	416	364	2031	1873	3904	4129	
5	9	8	7	7	10	13	14	15	19	11	16	22	19	14	10	4	2	122	133	1	..	242	251	493	..	
72	53	58	53	52	56	100	90	98	85	108	74	77	71	41	45	10	18	863	818	453	372	2601	2392	4993	5486	
118	99	140	121	136	113	242	220	264	159	237	174	275	201	167	161	35	45	1918	1575	12	3	3606	3030	6636	..	
511	432	478	402	459	398	731	586	614	467	577	383	406	365	304	286	180	172	5187	4819	657	552	12791	12041	24832	31468	
629	531	618	523	595	511	973	806	878	626	814	557	681	566	471	447	215	217	7405	6394	669	555	16397	15071	31468	31468	

a Including 405 returned under Numerical System.
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town, 488; Robertson, 327; Simonstown, 122; Somerset East, 433; Stellenbosch, 325; Uitenhage, 648; Worcester, 331; Wynberg, 728; Prince Albert, 242; in all 36 Districts and 17,680 deaths.

PUBLICATION BY REGISTRATION DATES OF ADVANCE INFORMATION.

To satisfy public convenience, unaudited statements of Births and Deaths (with, in the latter case, particulars of Age and Disease), as registered, have been published in "The Gazette," for the municipality of Cape Town since July, 1896.

The system was extended (Registrar's Letter 30, Nov., 1896) to Kimberley, Port Elizabeth, King William's Town, East London and Somerset East Districts from 1st January, 1897, and has also been applied to all the suburban municipalities in the Cape Peninsula, and to the following important Towns:—Aliwal North, Beaufort West, Cradock, Graaff-Reinet, Grahamstown, Malmesbury, Oudtshoorn, Stellenbosch, Queenstown, Uitenhage and Worcester (the Deputy of Paarl has not so far rendered returns).

The early publication of the vital statistics of these 27 municipalities cannot fail to be of considerable value and interest to the local authorities concerned, and it will moreover afford, as the places are well scattered, a fair idea of the general *present* condition of the Public Health of the Colony Proper.

SYSTEM OF REPORTING.

Reports are made by Informants (*a*) by Forms, (*b*) in Books.

Books are made use of in Locations specially treated, and the Native Informants have to appear personally before the Deputy Registrar or the Assistant, and sign the proper Book. In some few Native Districts where exceptional circumstances obtain, the Headmen or Chiefs are allowed to make periodical bulk statements (*Numerical System*) of the number of males and females born or died in their locations. Transcripts of the book entries are forwarded to the Registrar every month.

In Municipalities, Villages under Board Management and Special Urban areas, Births, Still-births and Deaths must be reported in person to the Deputy Registrar or Assistant, in whose presence the Informant must sign the Registration forms; otherwise the forms must be declared to before a J.P., Minister, or Medical man. *Outside* Municipalities, Villages under Board Management, and Special Urban areas, the Informants must appear personally before the Deputy Registrar, or Assistant, or Field-cornet, or any Police Officer, and sign the forms, or must have them declared to, or must sign them in the presence of a witness. The Deputy Registrar transcribes the entries from the forms into his Registration Book, and forwards the original forms to the Registrar.

RESULTS (PARTIAL) OF REGISTRATION, 1896.

As a supplement to the reports rendered by the several Deputy Registrars, an abstract has been prepared showing the number of births and of deaths "registered" in each district of the Old Colony in *each* of the years 1895 and 1896. This return will indicate fairly well the progress of the undertaking, in connection with which it should be remembered that except in 37 municipalities a compulsory system was entirely new, and that even therein the compulsion was mild.

With this preliminary report *no* returns of births arranged by occurrences is presented. In view of the superior interest attaching to the

statistics of certificated and uncertificated deaths in urban and rural areas, and of the time required to extract information regarding *each* species of disease, in combination with race, sex, and age, it was arranged that the mortality tables should be dealt with first. The sorting and tabulating work was commenced on the 1st February, 1897, and the results were communicated to the appreciative newspaper press as completed.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

To the Hon. the Colonial Secretary I desire to tender the respectful acknowledgments of my staff, coupled with my own, for his unvarying courtesy, and his personal, invigorating interest in our work. For oft needed and much relished sympathy, support and advice, I have never gone in vain to Mr. Henry de Smidt, F.S.S., Under Colonial Secretary. The genial Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Turner), and Govt. Actuary (Mr. McGowan), have sustained many inroads on their valuable time, but have ever been most helpful, as has been Dr. Gregory, of the Health Department.

Towards my own staff I cherish a deep feeling of gratitude. Mr. Twycross, at the head of the tabulators, and Mr. Braude, in charge of the general routine of the office, continue to do capital service, and all members of the staff vie with one another in keeping up a good record.

No department of the Government owes more to the Postal Service than does this one, which draws information from the public, day after day, by means of printed schedules, which, when completed and signed, instantly become documents of considerable value (the penalty for loss being a £2 fine). But the well-known buff envelopes (B. & D. 35), with their peculiar superscription and important contents, pass and repass safely in an endless stream.

But whatever good has been done has been accomplished by and through our agents all over the Colony—the Deputy Registrars, their Assistants, the Field-cornets, and the Police and C.M.R. The least I can do is to record here my sense of their services. For the past two years our official intercourse has been harmonious. All I ask is that they will bear with me for being *precise* over work, the importance of which grows as the years roll on.

A. C. DALE,
Registrar of Births and Deaths
under Act No. 7 of 1894.

Office of Registrar of Births and Deaths,
Cape Town, Cape of Good Hope,
3rd April, 1897.

DEPUTY REGISTRAR'S REPORTS.

ABERDEEN.—To all appearances, no doubt, the Act may be said to be in good working order. The machinery at the disposal of Deputy Registrars for keeping the requirements in their entirety before the rural public, is meagre to say the least of it.

Taking into consideration that the area of this Division is something like 3,000 square miles, the Deputy Registrar is inclined to think that the Registrations are somewhat below the mark.

No difficulties have arisen necessitating any measures being taken to overcome or lessen them, since none have ever been brought to light.

To really improve and render more effective the administration of the Act in future, the appointment of a special police force for each district should be made.

The Field-cornets being generally farmers, and constantly out on their lands and often away from their homesteads, are unable to give that undivided attention to the matter which it deserves, and some such change as above suggested would be desirable.

ALBANY.—The Deputy Registrar fears that the removal of the Cape Police from the district has affected the Registrations adversely. Circulars were sent out to Field-cornets, Justices of the Peace, Landowners, &c., and in many cases these are doing their best. The simpler form used since the end of 1895 seems to be better filled in, and appears to cause less annoyance, the first form used was considered far too inquisitorial.

ALBERT.—The present system of reporting Births and Deaths seems to be entirely satisfactory.

The previous methods of distributing printed instructions seem to have had the desired effect of bringing the Act before the notice of the public in urban as well as rural areas, and at present it is almost universally known. Instances where informants, who registered after the prescribed time, and plead ignorance of the Act, are becoming very rare.

The chief difficulty in working this Act at present seems to be the fact of some of the Field-cornets being somewhat illiterate.

ALEXANDRIA.—The details of the arrangements for administering the Act are now fairly well understood by the Field-cornets and others who assist the Deputy Registrar, and the public generally are well aware of what is required of them.

The requirements of the Act have been kept before the rural public by means of the Field-cornets and the Cape Police patrolling the district, but for the last few months the services of the latter have been unavailable, they having been sent to the Border on Rinderpest duty.

The Deputy Registrar has experienced great difficulty in ascertaining the "cause of death" from natives, and it is almost an impossibility to get the correct cause unless the report is verified by a European. Could not this form be simplified?

The Deputy Registrar suggests that all Field-cornets be instructed to issue vaccination notices to informants, as the requirements of vaccination amongst the rural population are not properly carried out.

ALIWAL NORTH.—Every facility has been afforded to enable farmers and others to register either births or deaths, all instructions in connection therewith being freely circulated by means of Cape Police, Field-cornets and local posting.

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It has been found necessary to return to Field-cornets several forms of Registration, for corrections, amendments, &c. A great improvement has been noticed during the past year, the number of Registrations during 1895 being 448, and during 1896, 511; this alone warrants the Deputy Registrar in coming to the conclusion that the requirements of the Act are now better understood. The Deputy Registrar would suggest that in cases of still births in rural areas declarations of qualified informants be insisted upon. In cases of deaths reported to Field-cornets, the latter might be authorised to issue burial orders *before* burial. It is quite possible that deaths might occur "other than in a natural way," the body buried, and the ends of justice defeated. In Urban areas this is prevented, but there is no check whatever in cases of death occurring outside the town, the registration not taking place till three months after death. It is satisfactory to note (by recent Circular 11/1/97) that the untiring efforts of the Deputy Registrars who are constantly putting forward their grievances, and who devote much overtime to the performance of the *special work* have been recognised.

BARKLY EAST.—All rural registration is now effected by the Field-cornets and their assistants; with a few exceptions the work is done fairly well. The Cape Police whilst stationed here were of great assistance, the C.M.R. would do equally good work, but unfortunately are all away on Rinderpest duty. The B. and D. 1 and 2 forms are a great improvement on the old ones and simplify the work considerably as regards Rural Registration.

BARKLY WEST.—Having only held office as Deputy Registrar during the latter five months of the year the present Deputy Registrar is unable to report on the arrangements which were made in the early part of the year for keeping the requirements of the Act before the public.

The Rinderpest Regulations have naturally interfered to some extent with the effectual working of the Act by restricting the moving about of natives. Consequently several births and deaths were not reported within the prescribed time.

The requirements of the Act appear to be fairly well known throughout the Division, nevertheless cases occasionally occur in which informants profess utter ignorance of the law. Whenever an opportunity has occurred the Deputy Registrar has invariably explained fully what is required, and requested that the information might be spread.

Some difficulty has been experienced in obtaining from Field-cornets properly filled in Forms of Information in cases where inquests have been held by them. It is anticipated that matters in this respect will work more satisfactorily in future as the Deputy Registrar has personally explained fully to those officers their duties whenever a death occurs in their wards requiring to be dealt with under the Inquest Act.

BATHURST.—Every means possible have been adopted to keep the requirements of the Act well before the public who, with the exception of a very small section of the more ignorant natives in remote localities, come freely to the Field-cornets with the necessary information, whilst those officers themselves lose no opportunity of collecting the same by visits (without any expense to Government) to the different parts of their Field-corneties. In this way many births and deaths, which through ignorance were omitted to be notified at the proper time, have subsequently been reported.

The fact that the number of births registered in 1896 was 383 compared with 304 in 1895, and that the rate per 1,000 for the past year was 41.64 evidences the conclusion that the requirements of the Act have been well carried out by the several officers responsible.

BEAUFORT W.—The urban administration of the Act is entirely in the Deputy Registrar's hands at the present time, the office of Urban Assistant having been abolished in October last. The rural administration is almost entirely in the hands of the Field-cornets and Assistant Field-cornets, all of whom (with one exception) have rendered very efficient aid, and the Deputy Registrar takes this opportunity of thanking the gentlemen in question for their valuable assistance.

The requirements of the Act, the Deputy Registrar is firmly convinced, are perfectly well known to the European population throughout this district, and are faithfully observed, and the same may be said with regard to the urban native population. Great difficulty is experienced with reference to the rural native population, and the conviction has been thrust upon me that the only manner in which the requirements of the law can be brought home to this class is by prosecution in every case of failure to comply with the regulations. A notice conveying a warning to defaulters in the matter of Births and Deaths Registration has been published in the local paper during the latter portion of the year, and slips (in English and Dutch) containing a similar warning have been extensively distributed throughout the district.

There is no doubt that the number of deaths registered during the year has been abnormal, but it should be considered that Beaufort West is a health resort for consumptive invalids, many of whom, coming here in the last stages of illness, die, and help to swell the mortality.

There is one fact that has been very prominently brought to my notice, and that is the urgent necessity which exists at Beaufort West for the establishment of a Hospital and Free Dispensary. A great portion of the mortality, more especially infantile, is simply due to the fact that in very many cases no free medical attendance or medicine is obtainable. This is too often due to the fact that no attempt is made in this direction by the relatives and friends of the deceased. The medical fraternity, speaking from cases brought to my immediate notice, most charitably do their best, but they cannot be expected to do everything.

Another point which has been brought to my notice is that the free burial ground here is under no control whatever. This has been reported on previously, and the necessary steps are being taken to remedy this evil. The Deputy Registrar would suggest that a regulation be framed to the effect that in every case of disinterment and re-burial notice of the fact should be given by the parties concerned to the Deputy Registrar for transmission to the central office.

Taking the working of the Act throughout the district on the whole during the year, the Deputy Registrar is of opinion that, with the exception of the rural native population, the administration has been very successful.

BEDFORD.—As the present Deputy Registrar assumed duty at the beginning of September, 1896, his report is necessarily brief. The arrangements made for working the Act and for keeping the requirements thereof before the urban and rural public are the same as during 1895, and therefore it is unnecessary to enumerate them again. The Act appears to be working well in this district. Some births and deaths certainly do escape registration, but they are very few. This is attributed principally to the vigilance of the police and the Inspector of Native Locations.

In view of the Deputy Registrar's very short experience of the Act in this district, he is not at present prepared to make any suggestions for improving the administration of the Act in future.

BREDASDORP.—The details of the arrangements made for the working of the Act and for keeping the requirements thereof before the urban and rural public are much the same as last year, and Field-cornets are continually reminded of the importance of the work, all notices being promptly distri-

buted to them for circulation. There being no Mounted Police in the district is felt to be a great want, especially as there are so many outlying sheep stations.

The increase of the reports of births and deaths show a satisfactory result of the working of the Act in this district for the last year, more certainly in regard to births which have not been abnormal.

BRITSTOWN.—The details of the arrangements made for working the Act and for keeping the requirements thereof before the public (urban and rural) have, during the past year, been more satisfactory in general, owing to the officials, especially Field-cornets and Police, having become more efficient in the performance of their duties and the readiness displayed by farmers and others to render every assistance to the natives in the rural areas has considerably lessened the difficulties of Registration formerly experienced.

The Deputy Registrar has therefore no suggestions to offer for a more effective administration of the Act in future.

CALEDON.—The arrangements made for working the Act and keeping the requirements thereof before the urban and rural public in this district are, generally speaking, satisfactory. The difficulty elsewhere experienced by the Deputy Registrar in obtaining correct information forms from Field-cornets is here not so apparent, due to the fact that the class of men appointed is better, and, with one exception, the Field-cornets would seem thoroughly to understand the particulars of the duty, and cheerfully assist the Deputy Registrar in carrying out the work.

The only difficulties that have arisen in connection with the duty of recording births and deaths has been the apparent apathy on the part of the European population to grasp the importance and necessity of immediate registration.

After the recent report and investigation into the registration system at Genadendal, the Deputy Registrar can with confidence report that the additional distribution of notices and general stirring up of the inhabitants has resulted in an increased number of registration of births, the shortfall in which was so apparent last year as to call for special remark. The assistance of the missionaries and their cheerful co-operation with the local assistant must give good results.

Trifling matters, such as a farmer's faith in his own diagnosis in case of "cause of death" as opposed to a medical man's verdict, will always occur in rural districts where the production of a medical attendant's certificate is not compulsory.

The coloured classes would now seem to have grasped the necessity of the registration of births and deaths, and would, judging by results, appear to be more regular in reporting than their more enlightened fellow citizens.

On the whole, the Deputy Registrar considers that the means adopted secure the best returns, and generally the administration of the Act in this district at present would seem sufficiently satisfactory.

CALVINIA.—The requirements of the Act are always being well kept before the urban public by the local police, who always distribute any notices, &c., when necessary, and are continually on the look out that any birth or death is duly reported at this office, and as this village only contains about 600 inhabitants, this is effectually accomplished. As regards the rural public, the difficulties are somewhat greater on account of the very large extent of this district, (the continual drought that prevailed during 1896 causing the farmers to "trek" about in search of pastures), and the way the people are generally scattered about. The D. M. Police, whenever they go into the district (*e.g.*, on patrol or otherwise) get instructions to make full enquiries, wherever they think necessary, as to births and deaths,

complete B. and D. forms as required, and by general questions, &c., show the people that the carrying out of the provisions of the Act is a matter of importance. To the D. M. Police too are given all notices, &c., &c., for distribution amongst the rural population.

The Deputy Registrar has only been in this district for $3\frac{1}{2}$ months, but has thus far experienced no difficulty in the working of the Act; the Field-cornets render as much assistance as they are capable of doing, and the farmers generally appear very willing and even anxious to have births and deaths recorded (especially the former), but as above mentioned this is a very large district and the farmers "trek" about a good deal, so that it often happens the report is not made until several months have elapsed, but on the whole the working of the Act in this district appears to be very satisfactory.

CAPE DIVISION.—The Act has worked fairly well during the year both in urban and rural districts, and as time runs on it is thought the Act will become very popular. The work has been done very well by both urban and rural A. D. R.'s, and if convenient centres can always be procured there is no doubt but that the people will conform to the law, and that no difficulty will be experienced. The number of births and deaths has considerably increased in all the districts, which is a good sign that more attention has been paid to registration than in 1895.

The Burial and Inquest Returns are of great assistance for checking purposes.

It is a pity that no provision has been made in the Act to obtain compulsory returns regarding baptisms.

Woodstock Assistant to Deputy Registrar.

With respect to the Births and Deaths Act in my district, I consider it works smoothly and well.

The inhabitants to a great extent have been educated up to it, as the Municipal Council embodied in the regulations when the Municipality was formed, that all births and deaths were to be registered, consequently I endeavoured to act up to and enforce the regulations during the period of my six years' secretaryship before the passing of the Act.

Thus when the Act came in force it was only carrying out the same regulations, but in a more strict manner, and as a rule I have very little difficulty with the registrations.

Simon's Town Assistant to Deputy Registrar.

With reference to the working of the above Act in this district, I have the honour to report, from information gleaned and personal observation, that the registration of births and deaths is faithfully carried out.

And, what is most satisfactory, even the coloured population, and those too who inhabit the more remote parts of the district, are diligently responding to the notices that have been distributed amongst them.

CARNARVON.—The European population of this district appear to be aware of the requirements of the Act, but owing to the nomadic life led by a portion of them, some difficulty is experienced in getting the information from them within the time prescribed by the Act. The police have been instructed to make enquiries with regard to delinquents, while out on patrol. Great difficulty is experienced and unnecessary work caused by the carelessness of the Field-cornets in preparing forms, which invariably have been returned for amendment.

All births and deaths appear to have been registered, and the Act seems to have worked fairly well, but the Deputy Registrar is of opinion that it will never be worked to advantage unless a longer time be allowed for registration, which should be solely in the hands of the Deputy Registrar.

CATHCART.—The arrangements made for the working of the Act are the same as those in force during 1895, viz., by myself in the urban area and by the police and Field-cornets in the rural areas. The requirements of the law are kept before the public by notices in the local newspaper, the police, and the distribution of Government Notices among the farmers by means of the police while on patrol, who explain to the people what is required of them.

The Europeans, on the whole, are pretty well acquainted with the regulations, but some difficulty is still experienced with the natives who, continually coming and going from one district to another, or to and from the Transkei, do not know what to do, and in very many instances leave without reporting events among them, and even before their masters know anything about them. The real difficulty is still the great distance many of the country people reside from the domiciles of the Field-cornets or the police camps. It has, however, been somewhat lessened by the police taking a supply of forms with them when out on patrol and filling them in at the farmers' houses. The Deputy Registrar does not see how the administration of the Act in this district can be improved as the present arrangements work very smoothly, and the inhabitants both in town and country are rendering every assistance in their power to facilitate the registration work.

CERES.—In the Deputy Registrar's report for 1895, dated 16th May, 1896, his views as to the working of the Act No. 7 of 1894 in this district, the difficulties that were encountered and so forth, were fully set down.

The Deputy Registrar has little or nothing to add to that report, except in so far as to say that during the year 1896 things have gradually been settling into a groove.

By dint of carefully explaining to Field-cornets and others the object of the Act, and the proper methods to be observed in carrying out the same, the Deputy Registrar has not experienced so much trouble as heretofore, although there is still room for improvement.

He is unable, however, to offer any suggestions that would render the administration of the Act more effective, unless it be that either the Deputy Registrars be relieved, to some extent, of the heavy work that falls to their lot, or that they be adequately recompensed for their services.

CLANWILLIAM.—The Deputy Registrar is of opinion that all the Europeans in this district are aware that births and deaths must be registered, but there may be a few natives living away from farm homesteads who are not aware of the fact. The only way to find out whether births and deaths, which may have occurred, have been reported is for the police to make enquiries at every house or hut that they pass when on patrol, and for Field-cornets to make enquiries when they travel about their wards. The Field-cornets and other assistants have been well instructed, and any errors made by them in preparing forms are due to carelessness. More births and deaths were registered in 1896 than during 1895, the increase being about 30 per cent.

The Deputy Registrar has instructed the Field-cornets to inform him of any contravention of the Act, but thus far no complaints have been made, hence there were no prosecutions during 1896.

The Deputy Registrar does not know of any births or deaths, which occurred more than three months ago, remaining unregistered in this Division; there may be a few.

COLESBERG.—The Police are constantly told to see that all births and deaths are reported, and remind the public of the penalties they are liable to for failing to register. Since the forms of registration have been simplified many more events have been registered.

CRADOCK.—The public in urban and rural areas have been afforded every opportunity of knowing the requirements of Act 7 of 1894 in this district. Notices have been forwarded to Ministers of Religion, Town Police, and Cape Police, and the Mayor of Cradock and chairman of the Municipality Maraisburg, and the leading inhabitants of the district, asking them to use their endeavours to see that all births and deaths coming to their notice are reported. Forms and instructions have been widely distributed to

the urban and rural population. The simplification of the forms has removed the various difficulties. Field-cornets have generally proved themselves qualified to perform the duties imposed upon them. The chief difficulty is the apathy of the people, and the Deputy Registrar considers that a number of native births go unregistered. It is only when a burial order must be obtained that attendance is secured, simply from fear that no minister of religion would inter the body without a burial order.

The Deputy Registrar suggests that medical men should report any infectious diseases in any locality to the Deputy Registrar, who would in turn report the same to the Local Authority.

In cases of deaths of natives, when no medical certificate can be produced, it is most difficult to make out from the informant what the person died from. Natives can scarcely be expected to be aware of the symptoms of anyone's illness, but in cases of native infants the cause of death given is generally convulsions or teething.

EAST LONDON.—The details of the arrangements made for working the Act are all as complete as can be under the circumstances. Owing to the removal of the Cape Police from the district the Deputy Registrar had some difficulty in making the natives understand that they have to go to the Field-cornets to report. There are now a few special police who do not fill in forms, but send natives to the different Field-cornets. The Deputy Registrar is afraid that they do not get all births registered, especially from those who reside on isolated farms under no police or other supervision. This again compels him to urge the necessity of a book of some kind so that a ticket could be given to each one that reports a birth; it would not only facilitate the work, but the police would so easily trace any not reported. This refers only to those living in the outlying districts; the locations would not require it, as they are under the supervision of the different inspectors.

In conclusion, the Deputy Registrar brings to notice the cordial support he has at all times during the last year received from all his assistants; they have at all times been most willing in endeavouring to carry out the working of the Act to the best of their ability.

FORT BEAUFORT.—The year 1896, as regards the operation of the Act, has been uneventful. The public have come forward freely to report the births and deaths, still in the distant and sparsely populated portions of the district there is no doubt that births and deaths have occurred, of which there is no record.

The public are constantly reminded of the requirements of the Act through the medium of the Police, Field-cornets, and notices generally disseminated.

Considerable aid would be afforded to the officers carrying out the provisions of the Act if they were empowered to inspect the Baptismal and Burial Registers* of the various churches, or, indeed, if a birth certificate of Registration (on the simplest form) were necessary before a baptism could be performed, excepting only those urgent cases where it is expedient to baptise the child with the least possible delay.

FRASERBURG.—The Act is, as far as the Deputy Registrar is aware or can judge, working fairly well in this district. In the early part of 1896 he addressed circulars to all the Field-cornets, Assistant Field-cornets, and District Mounted Policemen in this district, requesting them to make the requirements of the Act known to all the inhabitants, and to use their best endeavours to get all births and deaths registered as soon as possible after their occurrence.

* NOTE.—They are provided with Burial Returns.—REGISTRAR.

In December last he again wrote to them requesting them to forward all birth and death forms which they might have on hand, and also to get all births and deaths in their respective areas which had not been reported registered as soon as possible.

The urban public are well acquainted with the requirements of the Act, and all births and deaths have been reported within the prescribed time.

The rural public have been made acquainted with the provisions of the Act through posters placed at the Field-cornet's and Assistant Field-cornet's residences, as well as all the shops in the district, and by the distribution, through the District Mounted Police, of the Government Notices published for their information.

The District Mounted Police were also instructed to make the provisions of the Act known to all farm servants and shepherds residing at out-stations, and very little difficulty was experienced in this office during the past year owing, it is presumed, to the above instructions having been carried out.

GEORGE.—Births and deaths registration in this district is very fairly carried out by the Field-cornets who are materially assisted by the District Mounted Police whose services have been found invaluable in keeping the requirements of the Act before the public.

GLEN GREY.—No difficulty has been experienced in working the Act amongst the Europeans. In the case of the Natives, the Deputy Registrar regrets to have to report that there has been no improvement, and thinks the time has arrived when some change in the present system should be adopted.

GRAAFF-REINET.—The Field-cornets of each ward, in conjunction with the corporals of the Cape Police, record births and deaths, and it is clear that great care and vigilance has been exercised by these officers in the working of the Act.

Since the amendment of the birth and death forms, the various difficulties experienced in the completion of the forms have been overcome. The Deputy Registrar is therefore not in a position to make any suggestion for the more effective administration of the Act, as he considers the forms convey any information required for the working of the same.

HANOVER.—Every means are taken to keep the requirements of the Act before the public, principally through the Mounted Police when on patrol, and also by circulars through the post. Although the Act is continually kept before the public the Deputy found, on happening to go into the rural district, that cases of births have not been reported, and that the parties were not aware that it had to be done; this is principally amongst the native class, although in one instance quite recently, in questioning a farmer whether he was not aware that one of his labourers had not reported the birth of his child, he replied that he was under the impression that only deaths had to be reported and not births. It will be found on reference that the births reported in the past year far exceed those reported in 1895, and although such is the case, the Deputy Registrar is positive that some births of natives are not reported, especially still births and cases in which the child dies within three or four days after birth, and it is simply an impossibility to trace these cases. The serving of vaccination notices in the country towns might be dispensed with. In conclusion, the Deputy Registrar begs to state that the working of the Act would be better carried out if Deputy Registrars received better remuneration.

HAY.—The Deputy Registrar in the village of Griqua Town and the Assistant Deputy Registrar at Postmasburg sign all the forms, the rest of the district is worked through medium of the Field-cornets and Police

Officers, the Inspector of Locations being Assistant Deputy Registrar for the locations Skeyfontein and Groenwater. The requirements of the Act are constantly kept before the public by means of the circulars received from time to time, which are distributed amongst the various Registering Officers. The Deputy Registrar requested the Sub-Inspector of Police to instruct his men to render every assistance by explaining to people what is required of them, as they visit every farm, it is the best means for explaining the requirements of the Act. Before the forms were simplified the most arduous portion of his duty consisted in the correction of forms sent in; these difficulties have been very much lessened by the introduction of new forms B. and D. 1 and 2. As a rule the Deputy Registrar takes the opportunity of explaining verbally to his assistants where they are most liable to err, and how to correct these errors. As a result very few forms are now being sent back for correction.

The Deputy Registrar has no suggestions to make for improving and rendering more effective the administration of the Act.

HERBERT.—All Assistant Deputy Registrars, Field-cornets and Police Officers have repeatedly been instructed to keep the requirements of the Act before the notice of the public, both urban and rural, and consequently the Act is working very well in this district.

Having had but a few months experience, the Deputy Registrar has no suggestions to offer for improving and rendering more effective the administration of the Act in future.

HOPETOWN.—Notices are given to the District Mounted Police to distribute in the town and district. No difficulties are experienced whatever, and the Act is in very good working order and understood by every one. Mr. Van Reenen considers that the Deputy Registrar should receive some remuneration for the extra work thrown on his shoulders,—say an allowance of £25 per annum.

HUMANSDORP.—The residents in the urban, as well as those in the rural areas, are punctual in reporting births and deaths. The Field-cornets, with one exception, perform their duties well, and use every endeavour to obtain information of every birth or death occurring in their wards, and the Deputy Registrar does not believe that any occurrences remain unregistered in their respective wards.

The rural assistants, of which there are three, and the assistant Deputy Registrar at Hankey, have efficiently carried out their duties. The District Mounted Police when on patrol carry with them blank forms for the purpose of obtaining information in rural areas. It is suggested that remuneration at the rate of sixpence for each completed form be paid to them.

The general public have become fairly accustomed to the requirements of the Act, and no particular difficulty is experienced in the working of it.

One difficulty which presents itself is that in several of the Field-cornets, more especially in that of Hankey, the Field-cornets are unable in some cases to state definitely the nature of the disease from which persons have died, owing to the fact that there is no medical man in their neighbourhood. Numbers of information forms have been received stating cause of death, "fever" or "inflammation," and have repeatedly been returned for further information as to cause of death, and in each instance the Deputy Registrar has been unable to obtain this. It is suggested that a further simplification be instituted as regards "Causes of death," as many persons are unable to state the exact symptoms of anyone's illness.

JANSENVILLE.—The public seem to be quite well acquainted with the requirements of the Act, and during his term of office the Deputy Registrar has experienced no difficulty as regards the carrying out of the Registration

Law. He has no suggestions to make, as the present system seems to work well enough.

KENHARDT.—The Births and Deaths Act is now working as smoothly as could be desired, everyone seeming to know that when a birth or death occurs it should be registered.

Forms, notices, &c., that are received from time to time are always sent on to the Field-cornets and other officers employed in working the Act.

The only great difficulty still experienced in carrying out the provisions of the Act very effectively is the present prevailing drought, which prevents the poorer classes and a good many others from being able to make the necessary reports in the stipulated time.

KIMBERLEY.—In reference to keeping the requirements of the Act before the public, form B. & D. 1, "Instructions," has been distributed throughout the district, as also Government Notice, "Warning," No. 1017, which was published in the local newspaper in a prominent place; both of these notices are affixed to the doors of the three offices. A large board has been fixed to the door of the head office, "Births and Deaths," with the hours of attendance. Ministers of religion and medical men have been asked to assist the Deputy Registrar by reminding their parishioners and patients of the necessity of registration.

The late Inspector of Locations was a great help to me, as it is trusted his successor will be.

The Deputy Registrar is not aware that any further steps can be taken, presuming that the police throughout the district remember that it is their duty to assist, and do their utmost to carry out the provisions of the Act.

The new B. and D. forms are much simpler, and more pleasing to the public, not one complaint having been made since they have been in use.

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN.—As Mr. Lacey only assumed duty as Deputy Registrar in this district on the 21st September last, he is not in a position to report very fully into the working of the Act prior to that date.

There has been a tendency towards improvement during the year. A special police force has taken the place of the Cape Police, who are absent on duty in connection with rinderpest, and Captain Landrey, who is in command, has been prevailed upon to allow his men to combine Registration of Births and Deaths, as far as possible, with their regular duties, and each camp has therefore been furnished with forms and full instructions. The Deputy Registrar has also paid visits to several kraals and explained everything to the people. The various headmen in the district who regularly attend at the office of the Special Magistrate are kept up to the mark. In fact everything is being done to make the requirements of the Law generally known and understood, and to remove superstitious ideas from the native mind.

With regard to King William's Town proper and urban areas generally the Deputy Registrar is satisfied that the registration is very fairly carried out. Brownlee's Station, Tsolo and Beazley Locations are showing improvement, and he has instructed the native policemen who reside in those locations to see that all events are reported, and they generally bring the people themselves.

KOMGHA.—The existing arrangements for working the Act are, as far as this district is concerned, satisfactory. The Deputy Registrar would again suggest that a payment of 6d. per form be made to members of the police. The public are reminded of the requirements of the Act by means of posters and through the police.

KNYSNA.—The details of the arrangements made for working the Act are complete, and the Deputy Registrar has therefore no suggestions to make for improvements. The new set of forms brought into use on 1st January, 1896, are very simple, and no difficulty is experienced in having them filled in. The Act seems now to be sufficiently known throughout the district, only two or three cases in the country having occurred of not registering births within the prescribed time, and the persons when questioned by the Field-cornet expressed their ignorance of having to register within a certain period, and their regret at not having done so, as being within the year registration was permitted.

LADISMITH.—The arrangements made for working the Births and Deaths Registration Act, and for keeping the requirements thereof before the urban and rural public in this division, are as follows:—Seven Field-cornets and two rural assistants are engaged in the above work. They are supplied with forms and notices in the English and Dutch languages, for the purpose of distribution amongst farmers and others in their respective wards and areas. The two District Mounted Police, during patrol, leave notices and instructions at all farms and huts on farms as they proceed through the district periodically. They also make careful enquiries as to information regarding all births and deaths, and they record all information.

The Deputy Registrar can without hesitation report that owing to such measures hardly any difficulties are experienced, and he considers the working of the Act in this division at present is, comparatively speaking, very fair.

He has no suggestions for improving and rendering more effective the administration of the Act in future.

MALMESBURY.—The Act is working very well. The requirements of the Act are generally known throughout the district, and are brought before the public through the Field-cornets, assistants, and mounted constable. Instructions have also been widely distributed. The constables occasionally remind the inhabitants of this town as to the necessity of reporting punctually.

MIDDELBURG.—In this district the Act is worked satisfactorily by the Field-cornets and their assistants, eight in number altogether, situated in different parts of the division; there have been no difficulties experienced during the past year in keeping the requirements of the Act before the public, and the Deputy Registrar has no improvements to recommend.

MOSSEL BAY.—The Act as it is being better understood, has worked fairly well during 1896. Of course it is difficult to impress upon men of mature age, little used to handle the pen, the necessity of accuracy in filling up the B. and D. forms so as to avoid errors or omissions, also in the absence of a medical man to expect a correct diagnosis of the cause of some deaths, as reported to the A. D. R., by a native informant.

The births in 1896 were 49 more than in 1895, and the deaths two less. Latterly there has been a large mortality amongst young children from whooping cough, but with this exception, the health of this division has been good.

MURRAYSBURG.—In the only urban area in this district (namely, the town of Murraysburg,) no special arrangements were made for working the Act, but the public is constantly reminded of its requirements, and the Deputy Registrar has found no instances in which births and deaths were not reported.

In rural areas the Field-cornets only record, and were from time to time requested to impress upon those living in their wards the necessity of

reporting births and deaths within the prescribed time. Government Notice No. 1017 (warning) of 1896 was also widely distributed, and every opportunity was taken by the officials to remind the public, but notwithstanding, there is still great lack of interest.

To a certain extent, some of the difficulties have been lessened by means of verbal instructions to the Field-cornets.

NAMAQUALAND.—In the district there are five rural and one urban assistants, while registrations are also effected by the Field-cornets, their assistants, and three or four Justices of the Peace. Circulars regarding births and deaths are frequently sent to all these for distribution, and are also handed to the police. Thus all who are competent, assist in keeping the requirements of the Act before the public.

The difficulties before reported have not been overcome or lessened. There are many parts of the district extremely difficult of access owing to the want of water and food *en route*, where the natives are of the most ignorant type, to whom it would be almost impossible to explain what is required. Many of these people, however, have been driven by the continued drought to seek relief, and births have been registered which had taken place a year or more previous to their being discovered. The "cause of death" is generally very difficult to ascertain correctly. As a rule, the rural population is coloured, and not of a high class. There are only three doctors in this area, and they live within a radius of six miles. Consequently the majority of cases are not medically attended. If the deceased was feverish at any time during his illness, the cause "fever" is given. Symptoms one is quite unable to elicit from these people. This has given a great deal of trouble. The "age of deceased" is another difficult point to determine, the informant seldom being able to tell his own age even approximately. The work of administering the Act successfully in this division is difficult, the average distance of the boundaries from the Deputy Registrar's centre being over 100 miles and modes of communication limited.

OUTSHOORN.—The requirements of the Act are now well before the public, and the difficulties at first experienced in the working of the Act have now been overcome. Field-cornets and others have now sufficiently grasped the regulations to render the registration of births and deaths in this district most satisfactory. The registrations for 1896 show a very marked increase over those of the previous year by over five hundred, proving beyond doubt that the working of the Act has taken greater effect in this district during the past year.

PEDDIE.—For the administration of Act 7 of 1894 this district is sub-divided into three urban areas, viz., Peddie, Bodiam and Bell, and a large rural area. There are also three Native Locations under special provisions of Section 35. Inasmuch as the two urban areas, Bell and Bodiam, are within a short distance of each other, one Assistant Deputy Registrar for both centres is found sufficient. Events occurring in Peddie Village are of course reported to the D. R. Office. Births and deaths in the rural area are most often reported to the Field-cornets of the respective wards. Occasionally informants give notice to the Cape Police.

In the Native Locations the several Inspectors receive the information.

All public proclamations, notices, &c., bearing on the Act are posted up on notice boards by the A. D. R.'s and Field-cornets. They are also sent to the majority of the large farmers and to clergymen of all denominations in the district. The four prosecutions under the provisions of the Act have brought its requirements into prominence, and a knowledge of the same is now fairly universal.

Wrong impressions with regard to the necessity for the legal qualification of informants have entailed extra work, but the Deputy Registrar's assistants have now, to a great extent, mastered their duties.

A difficulty in the case of deaths arises with regard to medical classification from the fact that the average Field-cornet is naturally unable to discriminate between the various kinds of the same disease. The Deputy Registrar suggests that too great accuracy be not expected in this matter.

Another difficulty is the inability of the majority of the Assistants to spell native names correctly: the fact also that some natives adopt the surname of their father's, whilst others do not, causes some confusion.

On the whole a marked improvement on the previous year 1895 is perceptible with regard to the administration of the Act.

PHILIPSTOWN.—The Act works well in this district and the results leave little to be desired. The public seem alive to their responsibilities, thus greatly assisting the Deputy Registrar in the performance of his duties.

PIQUETBERG.—The arrangements made for the working of the Act, and for keeping the requirements thereof before the public, are fairly satisfactory. The only real difficulty is the great distance many of the people in this district live from the domiciles of the Registering Officers, which accounts for their not reporting punctually. The Field-cornets take great interest in their work, and do their best to get the people to report punctually. The new form has been instrumental in overcoming a greater part of the difficulties experienced during 1895.

PORT ELIZABETH.—Since the present Deputy Registrar's appointment to the office for the district of Port Elizabeth, which dates from the 7th November, 1896, he has found that the provisions of the Act 7 of 1894 are understood by the majority of the inhabitants of this town and district, and more especially it seems by the natives, who appear very eager to register. Not a day passes but the office is besieged by them; they are always first and foremost to comply with the requirements of the Act. There are a few Europeans and others here and there who seem to be either ignorant or treat the matter with indifference. It is not for want of information, as advertisements, notices and placards are constantly being placed within their reach. Placards and notices are affixed in conspicuous places set apart for that purpose within the public buildings; verbal communications are also constantly made to them.

The registrations in the rural district are few, owing to the fact that the population is scattered and not numerous.

At Bethelsdorp, a mission station in this district about six or eight miles from town, a Rural Assistant is stationed. He is also the pastor in charge of the mission. The population is of a mixed, but intelligent nature. The requirements of the Act are therefore fully impressed upon the memories of the inhabitants by the official mentioned. The Deputy Registrar has no difficulty to contend with from that quarter.

At Goedmoedsfontein a Field-cornet is stationed who carries out the duties of the registration for the different farms. Some difficulties are experienced by him in connection with the different diseases from which deaths occur, the informants being ignorant themselves of the different names of diseases, invariably stating the patient died from "fever"; in fact, as the Deputy Registrar has found from his own experience, every disease is styled fever with them. This may be overcome by causing a list to be published giving the names of diseases in the Dutch language; this has reference to the coloured classes alone.

The village of Walmer, which is directly under the supervision of the Deputy Registrar, is about four miles from town. From information

received, it is estimated to have a population of about 250 persons. There were registered during the year 1896 about 20 births and 7 deaths, the majority being coloured people.

Occasionally the Deputy Registrar experiences considerable difficulty in having burial orders returned to him after burial has taken place. On such occasions a list is handed by him to the native police, who are requested to collect same from persons mentioned in such list, with the result that all the orders are returned. The Deputy Registrar would suggest, if practicable, that some security be given by the recipients of such orders in a small sum of, say 2s. 6d., such deposit to be returned to persons lodging same on safe return of document, the Deputy Registrar to use his discretion in which cases to enforce this security.*

PORT NOLLOTH.—The Births and Deaths Registration in the urban area of Port Nolloth has, in the Deputy Registrar's opinion, been complete, the provisions of the Act being generally known and acted up to by the inhabitants.

As regards the rural area, he cannot be certain, but is inclined to believe it faulty, as it is almost impossible to get the required information from a population entirely nomadic. The Assistant to Deputy Registrar at Richtersveld does his utmost, but the difficulties are great.

PRIESKA.—The police have instructions, whenever they go on patrol, to remind the farmers and others of the requirements of the Act. Government Proclamation 1017 of 1896 has been widely distributed by this means.

There can be no doubt that, although the Act is generally known now in the district, a good many poor whites and native births and deaths are not registered, for the reason that the district being a very large one and the great distances some of the above classes reside from the nearest Field-cornet or J.P., make it almost impossible for them to comply with the requirements of the Act.†

PRINCE ALBERT.—The Field-cornets are carefully instructed both verbally and by letter as to the requirements of the Act, as most of the Field-cornets have had a considerable amount of experience, the work is being performed fairly well by them.

Notices are sent out to the rural population, chiefly by means of the police when on patrol.

The police usually carry a quantity of forms of Births and Deaths when on patrol, and if necessary fill them in.

With the exception of a few cases, all births and deaths are duly reported within the specified time. From this it is concluded that the provisions of the Births and Deaths Act are fairly well known by the inhabitants of this district.

QUEENSTOWN.—The arrangements for the working of the Act were the same as obtained during the previous year, except that in July the sub-locations of Hackney, Cimicili, Mousa, Cibini and Umtwakazi were created an urban area, and removed from the operation of Section 35 of the Act.

It will be observed that 107 more births and 55 more deaths were registered than in 1895. These figures in my opinion are not accounted for by the apparent increase of population and increased death rate as compared with last year's returns, but by the fact that the requirements of the Act are now more generally known and complied with.

RICHMOND.—Entering on the duties of Deputy Registrar during the last few days of the year 1896, it is impossible for me to place on record a report which would be as valuable as one presented by an official who had

* Note.—The Regulations provide a fine.

† Note by Registrar.—The concessions allowed by the new form render the excuse of little avail now.

been performing the duty of registration of births and deaths for the whole period now under review.

As regards arrangements made for the working of the Act and keeping its requirements before the rural and urban public, it would appear as if full publicity had been given to any notification which would bring before a large section of the community alterations in their existing regulations.

No trouble has been given by the people in general in the "informing" of births and deaths; rare cases have, however, arisen in which some time has elapsed before any steps have been taken to comply with the regulations; the delinquents were farmers who failed to understand the pains and penalties which might follow for delay in non-registration.

One of the main difficulties which had to be contended with in the past was the delusion under which many of the natives laboured, that for the proper registration of a birth, the child must be produced to the registering officer as an actual and visible proof of its existence. This idea has to some extent died out. The Deputy Registrar points out that the number of illegitimate births amongst the native classes is out of all proportion to those born legitimately in the district. This is not to be wondered at as the majority of natives live in a state of concubinage.

It is suggested for the better administration of the Act in the Richmond district, that a Rural Assistant be appointed at Deelfontein, which is two and a half hours' distance from the nearest Field-cornet and five from Richmond.

Touching the matter of rendering more effective the system of births and deaths registration, it seems as if the present one embraces sufficient ground for all practical purposes. The fee paid for each form is, however, not sufficient attraction for Field-cornets and others to exert any special energy in seeing that registration is properly carried out. Nearly every completed form transmitted by a Field-cornet or Rural Assistant requires to be corrected by himself several times before being finally accepted for transmission to the central office.

RIVERSDALE.—The working of this Act in outlying districts is carried on by the Field-cornets and Assistant Field-cornets, who take an interest in this work and keep the matter before the public in their respective wards. The fee of one shilling for filling up each B. and D. form is an incentive also.

There are two District Mounted Police who call at the houses on their patrols and fill up the B. and D. forms when necessary.

The public in general give no trouble, and like the Act. The only difficulty is when the people live in isolated parts of the district, such as near the sea-coast and Karroo, and are sometimes overlooked; but these cases are generally discovered, and the necessary information taken by the District Mounted Police and Field-cornets as opportunity offers.

On the whole the Act has worked satisfactorily, and no difficulty has been experienced beyond that stated.

ROBERTSON.—The several Field-cornets in their respective wards, and the District Mounted Police when on patrol, keep the requirements of the Act before the public in urban centres, and births and deaths are reported regularly.

Former difficulties have been overcome as forms are now as a rule rendered more accurately, and but few are sent back to Field-cornets for amendment.

SOMERSET EAST.—The arrangements made for working the Act are the same as those adopted in 1895, and the requirements of the Act have been continually brought before the notice of the public, both rural and urban, by the Field-cornets, and by the Cape Police when on patrol, as well as by the distribution of printed notices.

Since the withdrawal of the Cape Police on rinderpest duty, there has been some difficulty in getting births and deaths reported. The Deputy Registrar suggests that in the event of the police being retained on the border for any length of time, the several Scab Inspectors be appointed rural assistants, to whom births and deaths might be reported.

The Deputy Registrar has no other suggestions to offer for improving and rendering more effectual the working of the Act.

STELLENBOSCH.—The arrangements for carrying out the provisions of the Act in this district were similar to those mentioned in last year's report, and are most satisfactory. No difficulties of any importance have been met, and any neglect to register is the result of carelessness, and not any opposition to the law. The Deputy Registrar attributes the satisfactory working of the Act in this district mainly to his assistant under Regulation 8, who has been connected with the work since the Act first came into force, and who is a permanent resident of the town, having a thorough knowledge of the whole district.

The Deputy Registrar cannot but think that for the more effective administration of the Act, that the Deputy Registrar in each district should be an officer holding a more permanent office, and able to give more time to this special duty.

STEYNSBURG.—The police are constantly reminded in case of any events coming to their notice to warn the persons concerned to appear before the proper officer and effect the necessary registration: they are further instructed to keep the public generally well informed of the requirements of the Act. Field-cornets are also generally alive to their duties in this respect, and now appear, after the experience gained, to be fairly well qualified to render the necessary information in a proper manner. The Deputy Registrar has not experienced many difficulties, and is of opinion that the requirements of the law are well known throughout the district. The farming population visiting the town almost every week generally report direct to him, while the Field-cornets usually receive information and transmit the requisite forms in respect of native cases occurring within their respective wards.

STUTTERHEIM.—In enforcing the provisions of the Act, the services of the Cape Police, or District Special Police, are extensively made use of, as it is found that in making their patrols they have ample opportunities of enquiry as to what births and deaths have occurred; Field-cornets have not such opportunities, and are unable to find out every birth or death which occurs in a ward thickly populated with natives. The urban areas within this district are not so large but that strict supervision can be exercised over them. After two years' experience of the working of the Act the Deputy is of opinion that the best results in rural areas are to be looked for in the zealous co-operation of the Cape or District Mounted Police, and it should be strongly impressed upon them that one of their main duties is to enquire and see that the provisions of the Act are complied with. With the extensive wards Field-cornets have to control they cannot be expected to know all that takes place within, however willing they may be to receive information of births and deaths when given at their residences.

SUTHERLAND.—The people of this district appear to be well acquainted with the requirements of the Act, and as the novelty of it has worn off, so have the majority of the objections formerly raised by them.

The Field-cornets and District Mounted Policemen have been utilised for the distribution of printed notices and "warnings" regarding the duties of persons concerned, in the event of births or deaths occurring, and in this way the requirements of the Law are kept before the public.

The Deputy Registrar cannot suggest any improvement on this system, which works well enough.

SWELLENDAM.—The arrangements made for working the Act and for keeping the requirements thereof before the urban and rural public are as satisfactory as can reasonably be expected. The difficulties experienced during the year 1895 have been materially overcome owing to the issue of the amended B. and D. 1 and 2 forms in the beginning of the year 1896. The Deputy Registrar has no suggestions to make for improving and rendering more effective the administration of the Act in future.

TARKA.—The Field-cornets, with one exception, have thoroughly grasped the requirements of the Act. Circulars have been issued to the urban and rural public bringing to their notice the more important sections of the Law in question, and the difficulties which have hitherto been experienced are now to a great measure a thing of the past.

The administration of the Act, as far as this division is concerned, is as thorough as a mixed population will allow of, but the coloured race, who at first appeared dubious as to the object of the law, seem now to appreciate the motive of the Legislature in framing this Act, and the Deputy Registrar finds, with few exceptions, they register the births and deaths within a very short time after the occurrence.

TULBAGH.—The registration duties are performed by the Assistant Deputy Registrars at Saron and Ceres Road, who do the greater part, and the Field-cornets of the several wards.

Judging by the very few instances in which births and deaths are registered after the stipulated periods, it is evident that no further assistance is required.

The fact of this district being small compared to the number of the inhabitants facilitates the efforts made to keep the requirements of the Act before the urban and rural public. The outlying farms are within easy distances of the Field-cornets, Rural Assistants and of the village of Tulbagh itself; and this fact, combined with the supervision of the District Mounted Police, who have been instructed to report cases which may come to their notice, renders it almost impossible for a birth or death to be left unregistered without it being discovered before any length of time has elapsed.

The simplified registration forms in use at present appear to answer the purposes of the Act admirably, and if the Field-cornets could only be induced to read the instructions on pages 3 and 4 of these forms, there would be no possibility of their continuing to make mistakes as at present.

UITENHAGE.—The late Deputy Registrar informs the present one that he was in the habit of constantly sending reminders to the police and Field-cornets to warn the public, and to constantly bring the matter forward when in conversation with them, also that he made a practice of doing so in his office.

In the town the police have instructions to report all births they hear of. The Deputy Registrar considers the Field-cornets, with one or two exceptions, now pretty well coached in the Births and Deaths work.

The withdrawal of the Cape Police from the district for rinderpest duty was a great drawback. However, the Deputy Registrar trusts to be able to have the District Mounted Police qualified within a short time.

UNIONDALE.—There are six Field-cornets and three Assistant Field-cornets, who all register and take an interest in the work. There is one Assistant Deputy Registrar at Haarlem, a small native village under a Village Management Board, about 18 miles from here, and he registers all births and deaths happening within its limits.

The work is further facilitated by two Justices of the Peace, one at Roode Heuvel and the other at Commandant's Drift, who assist a great deal.

In addition to these there are four District Mounted Police who make inquiries on their patrols as to non-registrations, and who also register when required, each carrying a supply of forms with him, thus assisting the work very considerably in parts far removed from the Field-cornet's residence.

Since the issue of Government Notice, No. 1017 of 1896, which was freely distributed all over the district by Field-cornets and police, and explained to illiterate persons, the Deputy Registrar can confidently say that there are very few, if any, who do not understand the requirements and penalties of the Act, and he has therefore no suggestions to make for rendering the administration thereof more effective.

VAN RHYN'S DORP.—During the year 1896 the Births and Deaths Act has given considerably less trouble, owing probably to the fact that the Field-cornets have fairly grasped the requirements of the law. The Deputy Registrar fears, however, that *all* the births and deaths occurring in the district are not reported owing to certain parts of the division being inhabited solely by nomadic Hottentots and others (of no better habits or education) who extremely fear the legal authorities, since their only visits to civilized parts are under escort of a policeman, and generally for some criminal offence. The Mounted Police have done good work on patrols, and their assistance has given an impetus to the successful working of the Act.

A suggestion the Deputy Registrar wishes to offer in view of meeting the law in regard to the registration of *births* is in connection with the christening of children. He has on one or two occasions found that several children attending the "Nachtmaals," &c., for this purpose have not been registered. This could be remedied by the person officiating being prohibited under a penalty from baptising children until a certificate from the Deputy Registrar, &c., is produced that the child has been registered. It would be a simple matter to grant a short certificate in these cases, and would be the means of securing registration of most of the births.

VICTORIA EAST.—The requirements of the Act are now generally known throughout the district. As a rule Field-cornets record all cases occurring in the rural area portions of their respective wards, and the Inspector of Locations alone registers cases in his locations; and hitherto such cases have been reported to him directly, chiefly through the medium of his Headmen.

In consequence of the frequent amendments and alterations in the regulations, the Deputy Registrar suggests that they be republished and printed as amended,* chiefly for the guidance of newly appointed Field-cornets and other Recording Officers, amongst whom changes constantly occur through resignations or otherwise.

VICTORIA WEST.—As to the details for arrangements made for working the Act, the Deputy Registrar is not in a position to report, having been in this district for only a few months. Late registrations are, however, numerous, and in most cases, upon enquiry, ignorance as to the requirements of the Act is successfully pleaded. The people on the whole take little or no interest in the provisions of the Act, and look upon it in the light of an evil forced upon them. Save in the urban centre the Deputy Registrar feels certain that numerous births and deaths, more especially the former, remain unreported. This refers especially to the native population, and it is sometimes by the merest chance that such cases are discovered. Farmers are disinclined, on account of the scarcity of labour, to send their servants

* Note by Registrar:—Codified Regulations have been drawn up and are being printed.

long distances to the residences of the Field-cornets for the purpose of registering births or deaths, and will themselves not take the trouble to note the information. At present, therefore, the provisions of the Act are certainly not being properly carried out, for to contend that the actual births last year in this district only exceeded the deaths by nineteen would be monstrous.

WILLOWMORE.—There is no doubt that the present Births and Deaths Forms 1 and 2 have lessened to a very great degree the difficulty experienced by the Field-cornets in being able to fill in the forms more readily and accurately than in 1895. There is still some difficulty in getting the uneducated natives to understand the necessity of lodging information within the prescribed time.

The Field-cornets, however, are in this division using great endeavours to carry out the work successfully, and from all accounts they appear to attain their object, as is shown by the substantial increase of both births and deaths registered last year above 1895. Births registered 1895, 313; births registered 1896, 383; deaths registered 1895, 156; deaths registered 1896, 266.

WODEHOUSE.—Very few difficulties have presented themselves during the year. The Field-cornets and police do most of the country registration and do it very well, the only fault the Deputy Registrar finds with them is the frightful spelling of names. Some names are altogether unrecognisable.

WORCESTER.—To keep the requirements of the Act before the public notices were constantly distributed by the police who were also supplied with forms whenever they went out on patrol.

No special difficulties were experienced during the year; the people reported punctually, and on the whole the Act worked well.

Special Report of the Chief Magistrate of East Griqualand.

My report on this subject will necessarily be rather meagre, as, owing to the fact that Deputy Registrars are not required to communicate with me on matters relating to their duties, I have hardly any statistics at my disposal.

I may say, however, that the work seems to be carried on with the least possible friction, and any want of compliance with the law amongst the natives is due on their part more to carelessness than anything else. The proper working of the system depends to a great extent on the Headmen or Chiefs, for in general they are the medium of communication between the officials and the common people. It has occurred to me that much good might be done if the Headmen were to receive some slight remuneration for their services in reporting the births and deaths that have taken place in their respective locations, say 10s. for every 100 cases reported. I am persuaded that with some such inducement before them they would be stimulated to use their best endeavours to bring all cases to the notice of the Deputy Registrars.

Again, the various Magistrates might be advised that when the natives come forward to pay their hut tax, it would be a good plan to cause enquiry to be made of each man as to the number of births and deaths that had occurred at his kraal since the last payment of the tax. A rough record could be kept of the information so obtained, which could afterwards be compared with the registers when any omissions could be made good.

I have reason to believe that native servants are rather lax in regard to carrying out the duty imposed upon them in connection with registration. They are perhaps not so much to blame for this as their masters, with whom it may be said the question is one of profit and loss. Hence the farmers do not seem to be inclined to afford their work people facilities for fulfilling their duty by allowing them the time necessarily required for travelling to a Field-cornet's place, or the Deputy Registrar's office, in order to give information: and possibly under these circumstances the natives think that in reporting a birth or death to their employers they have done all that is requisite. To meet such cases I would suggest that it be made a matter of obligation for the master, whenever a birth or death occurred on his farm, to send notice to his Field-cornet or Deputy Registrar. A simple printed form might be provided for the use of the farmers, which could be sent post free. On receipt of such notice the Field-cornet or Deputy Registrar could take steps to have the birth or death, as the case might be, properly registered by a qualified informant.

Memo. by Registrar.—In reply to a telegram pointing out that servants may without leaving the farm report to their masters, the Chief Magistrate says:—

“Yours yesterday. Just so. But employers won't take the trouble to fill in forms. If they were obliged to report birth or death on farm, Deputy Registrar could take steps to get same registered.”

MACLEAR.—The arrangements made for working the Act are as follows: Notices in this office and at the offices of the Field-cornets are conspicuously posted. No difficulties have been experienced. Headmen report periodically.

MATATIELE.—The whole of the work in connection with the registration of births and deaths is done in the office, there being no assistants. The difficulties with natives are very great. Headmen frequently do not know, and people do not always report to them. A suggestion was made last year that Missionaries should be asked to undertake the duty, and that they receive an annual allowance. The Deputy Registrar is constantly speaking to the Headmen on the subject, and believes they do their best to induce the people to register.

MOUNT AYLIEF.—The detailed arrangements for working the Act are carried on just as they were commenced, which has proved very satisfactory. The Headmen are held responsible for the registration of all births and deaths among their people; up to the present the natives in this district carry out the provisions of law. Each Headman is expected to report all births and deaths once a week, and the Deputy Registrar has no doubt but that this is done.

All the registration is carried out in this office by the Magistrate personally; there are no assistants nor other centres in the district.

MOUNT CURRIE.—The motives of Government in passing this Act are no longer viewed with suspicion by the natives in this district, at any rate no difficulty is experienced in getting them to register on that ground.

The chief obstacle to a proper registration is the indifference shown by the natives in general, who cannot be got to see the advantages of the system.

The machinery for working the Act is now both simple and effective, and the Deputy Registrar does not see at present how it can be improved.

The number of registrations might be increased if the Field-cornets could be induced to interest themselves more in the matter.

MOUNT FLETCHER.—The Deputy Registrar is pleased to be able to report that the births and deaths regulations have up to the present worked most satisfactorily in this district. The population, consisting chiefly of natives, make their report of births and deaths either personally, by their Headmen, or through their relatives, and he has no suggestions to offer.

MOUNT FRERE.—The Headmen in each ward have been instructed to report all births and deaths, as these are invariably reported to them by the people.

At public meetings and on every opportunity the provisions of the Act and its requirements are explained to the people.

In the case of the death of an adult no difficulty is experienced. Births are reported by some regularly, but the majority of the natives never, in giving the number of their families, include small children; and to report a child's birth is, to them, an absurd fancy of the white man.

The Deputy Registrar has not had sufficient experience in the administration of this Act to offer any suggestions for improving it, but is of opinion the fewer changes there are and the simpler it is, the more effective will be its working. Natives are at all times suspicious of changes, and they are hardly acquainted with the present simple forms to be observed.

In his opinion they should continue as they are for the present, unless some simpler scheme can be brought out.

UMZIMKULU.—Copies of circulars and Government Notices concerning registration of births and deaths have been distributed from time to time to Field-cornets, Assistant Deputy Registrars, J. P.'s, and others, throughout the district for the information of the public. The European portion of the population is comparatively small, and no difficulty has been experienced in

regard to registrations so far as they are concerned. With respect to the large native population, considerable difficulty has been met in obtaining a report from Headmen or other informants. Some Headmen are careful to report regularly all the births and deaths occurring in their locations, others more distant from the seat of Magistracy are careless, and the Deputy Registrar feels sure all births and deaths are not reported. Every effort is made to obtain reports, and on every occasion of a Headman coming to the office, he is not allowed to leave before he has been asked whether he has not any reports to make, and reminded of his duty in that respect.

The recent disturbed state of the natives of this district, caused by the Griqua agitators, has doubtless been a hindrance to this work being regularly and properly carried out.

Special Report of Chief Magistrate of Tembuland and Transkei.

As I think I have before pointed out, any laws may be enforced amongst the natives of these territories by applying drastic measures for their observance; but no regulations, whether applied by Act of Parliament or Proclamation, will have any effect in uprooting the deeply embedded suspicions and superstitions of the native races. There is a firm belief amongst the masses of the people that Government has some ulterior object in wishing to keep a register of births, and that it can be of no interest or no consequence to anyone but the parents whether infants die or live, unless there is behind it some object unexplained. Until these people are much more advanced in civilization, and have more confidence in the intentions of the Government towards them, it will be impossible by any means, excepting severity, which I think no one is at present prepared to recommend, to enforce registration of births or of deaths of any excepting adults. Even if full effect could be given to the Registration Act, owing to tribal and domestic customs amongst the people, it would be far more troublesome and costly to keep a correct record than would be the case in an European community.

Children, when born, are not baptised, except amongst Christians, who are very few in these territories, and many of those I find are quite as superstitious as the heathens; names are given to children at, or soon after, their birth for the purpose of distinguishing them, as you or I would to a dog or any other animal, but these names do not adhere through life; for instance, names of boys are frequently changed at the time of circumcision, those of girls on marriage, and in neither case very often do they bear the least resemblance to or connection with former names, or to those of the families from which they sprung or into which they are admitted. It can therefore be very easily imagined the amount of work and difficulty that would be experienced in attempting to keep a correct registration of the native population in these territories. In my opinion it would be wise to be satisfied with the tolerably accurate returns that are obtained by taking a

census. To attempt anything very far in advance of that would at the present time, I think, be almost hopeless, and might stir up an undesirable feeling amongst the people.

ELLIOT.—The provisions of the Act are now well known. There is nothing particular to remark upon except that it is significant that no one has taken advantage of the privilege by which an informant may fill up a form himself, in the presence of a witness, and send it direct to the Deputy Registrar.

ENGCOBO.—The working of the Act appears to be progressing more favourably than at first, though the Deputy Registrar is of opinion that a large number of births and deaths are still unreported by the natives, and in order to make the working of the Act more satisfactory he suggests that each Headman receive an allowance. This he has no doubt would encourage them to make periodical visits through their respective locations to discover births and deaths which have not been reported.

There are no urban areas in this district with the exception of the village of Engcobo, which did not become an urban area until the 14th December, 1896.

MQANDULL.—The Deputy Registrar regrets to report that the manner of carrying on the operations of Act 7 of 1894 in this district is simply a farce. The natives have, he believes, signified to Government their great objection to registering, and have done nothing further in this direction. It is, however, very necessary "to get the thin edge of the wedge in first." More pressure will now be brought to bear on the subsidized Chiefs and Headmen, when some success is anticipated.

ST. MARK'S.—Numerical registration is carried on in this district among the natives and is working most successfully.

UMTATA.—The European population here is not very large, and a birth or death does not take place without it being generally known. If such is not reported a message is sent to the parties concerned to have it registered. Births and Deaths taking place amongst the native locations are reported by the headmen quarterly. The registration among the natives is a numerical one.

XALANGA.—The subject has been kept before the people through the headmen, and notices published. The natives have raised no difficulties in the working of the Act, and favour it rather than otherwise. The only difficulty found is to keep them up to time in reporting. The Deputy Registrar cannot suggest any improvement.

PORT ST. JOHN'S.—The arrangements made for working the Act:—All officials and the police are instructed to report at once any birth or death coming to their notice. No great difficulties have been experienced, and the Deputy Registrar has no suggestion to make as the present method of registering has worked well.

BUTTERWORTH.—There is nothing of much importance to report under this head. The arrangements made are still the same as those made during the previous year for working the Act, and the requirements thereof are kept before the natives by the headmen and also by the officials when occasion arises. With regard to the European population of the district, they all appear to be well acquainted with the requirements, and are aided in that respect by the Field-cornet of the Nthlambe Ward, through whom notices from Government are from time to time distributed amongst the people. There have been no special difficulties experienced during the past year to overcome, and the administration of the Act appears to be quite effective.

IDUTYWA.—The requirements of this Act are kept before the public by posting up on the notice board all new instructions and alterations which from time to time are received. As regards natives, any changes are notified to them by the Magistrate at a meeting called for the purpose.

A numerical register is kept for the native births and deaths, and the necessary information is supplied by each headman at the end of each quarter. The headmen were at first rather negligent about this matter, but on being warned that, in the event of their failing to report every birth and death in their respective locations, their subsidy would not be paid to them, they brightened up, and are now very careful and particular about their returns.

As far as the European Registration is concerned, no comment can be made, as the past two years' experience has been very limited, as will be seen by the small numbers figuring on the returns.

KENTANI.—As applied to Europeans, there is no difficulty in working the Act. There are only a very limited number of Europeans in the district, and these comply with the requirements of the law without any pressing.

The natives show no opposition to the law, but although they register a large number of Births and Deaths, there remains a large percentage which are never registered. It is difficult to deal with this question for the reason that in a large and thickly populated native district it is simply impossible to detect these cases, as the number of police at each Magistracy is not sufficient for ordinary purposes, and can therefore spare no time for this work. The headmen are used to assist in keeping the Act constantly before the people, and they are also supposed to see that all cases are reported, but whether they carry out the work thoroughly is a very doubtful question. The cause of death is arrived at by questioning those who report it, but the Deputy Registrar cannot say that he believes the returns under this head to be even approximately correct. At the same time, there is no other way of getting the information, as the majority of natives do not employ doctors.

NQAMAKWE.—In so far as the European population goes, the number of registrations is so small that there are no difficulties to overcome. Each birth and death which has occurred has been immediately notified and registered accordingly.

As regards native births, the Deputy Registrar regrets to have once more to report that he has not been able to induce the natives to register the births of their children. The native is an extremely suspicious being. When the Act was first promulgated he got the idea into his head that Government wanted to—as he expressed it—"ear-mark" the children. The Deputy Registrar has taken the utmost pains to point out to the Fingoes the utter preposterousness of this idea, more especially under the system of registering mere numbers without giving any names whatever, but the old idea remains and cannot be eradicated.

Tsomo.—No difficulty has been experienced in the registration of births and deaths in this district during the past year.

The headmen of the several locations invariably appear at this office with natives, who register either births or deaths; and in some instances births and deaths are recorded by missionaries.

The Act is working well, and the Deputy Registrar cannot suggest any improvements in the present system in vogue.

WALFISH BAY.—The Deputy Registrar has little to add to his remarks of last year. Births and deaths are regularly reported with praiseworthy punctuality. The police are instructed to remind the native population of their obligations, but even this precaution is scarcely necessary. The people respond readily to any calls made upon them. No difficulty has been experienced here in connection with registration. It should, however, be remembered that prior to the passing of the Act the majority of the native population had acquired the habit of reporting at the Magistrate's quarters or at his office any birth, death, or other event looked upon by them as important that occurred in their families. Thus the application of the new law merely somewhat extended a familiar custom, and the usual suspicion with which an innovation is regarded in the native mind was thus avoided.

GORDONIA.—All notices are published on a board at Public Offices and sent out through the Police, and to Field-cornets, also notified by clergymen.

No great difficulties have been experienced except in the registration of births and deaths of Bushmen who live in the desert; otherwise pretty well all births and deaths are registered.

Besides this, of course, there is the difficulty of getting educated men as Field-cornets.

KURUMAN.—Notices were put up at the offices of the Deputy Registrar and his assistants, and verbal explanations of the requirements of the Act were given to the rural public. For the purpose of keeping this subject always before the public it would be of great value if it be a standing instruction to members of the Cape Police when on patrol to constantly remind farmers and those whom it may concern that the Registration of Births and Deaths is compulsory, and if the police officers see that the instruction is carried out.

MAFEKING.—Circulars and printed forms have been sent to ministers of religion, medical practitioners, J.P.'s, Field-cornets and police officers, and also to the principal inhabitants of the district, explaining the requirements of the Act. Police officers have been instructed to note all cases coming within their notice while out on duty. Up to the present the Act has been working well in this district. It has only been in force now for little over a year. In a couple of cases the defaulters pleaded ignorance of the actual requirements of the Act, and being of a very illiterate class their statements were considered *bona fide*.

Rinderpest has been a great obstruction to a certain extent. Farmers have lost all their cattle, and those living at isolated places have now no proper means of conveyance to the nearest Field-cornet or J. P. This, the Deputy Registrar is afraid, will more than once be brought forward as an excuse in cases of default in not reporting the required particulars in the proper time.

VRYBURG.—The working of the Act in this district is carried out by the Deputy Registrar, one Rural Assistant and eight Field-cornets, the assistant being stationed at Taungs. Prior to 1st July last there was a Deputy Registrar stationed at Taungs, but on the re-arrangement of the Vryburg district, and Taungs being no longer a judicial District, an Assistant (Rural) only was appointed there. In order to keep the public informed of the requirements of the Act, notices relating thereto are posted in all conspicuous places and copies sent to the various Field-cornets and Justices of the Peace requesting them to give publicity to the same.

The forms sent in by the Field-cornets during the latter portion of the year show that more attention is paid to the regulations when filling them up, though there is still much room for improvement.

The great difficulty experienced here is in obtaining a complete registration of all births and deaths in the native locations, and as will be seen from the low numbers, every occurrence could not have been registered. The system that obtains at present is very unsatisfactory. The Chiefs or Headmen of each location keeps sticks on which each event is recorded by cutting notches, and the police when on patrol make up returns therefrom; only three returns have been furnished. The police find great difficulty in getting proper registers kept. The Deputy Registrar suggests as a means of obtaining more complete registration, that the police officer in charge at these locations be appointed a sort of assistant for native locations only.

DISEASES, 1896.—PARTIAL RETURN.

No. 1.—RETURN for the CASES enumerated in the following Table, of the CAUSES—the RACES and SEXES, being distinguished,—of the DEATHS (detailed by Classes) which occurred in certain Districts in 1896, and had been Registered up to the 15th January, 1897.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	European		All others		CAUSES OF DEATH.	European		All others	
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.
CLASS I.—DISEASES DUE TO SPECIFIC ORGANISMS.					CLASS V.—LOCAL DISEASES.—Con.				
Sub-Class 1.—Zymotic Diseases.					Sub-Class 6.—Diseases of the Liver.				
Typhoid Fever	125	89	168	155	Total Sub-Class 6 ..	33	23	29	17
Diarrhoea	165	111	319	328					
Dysentery	24	21	190	172	Sub-Class 7.—Diseases of the Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands.				
Smallpox	2	..	9	6	Total Sub-Class 7 ..	2	1	2	..
Measles	53	53	98	123					
Scarlet Fever	1	2	3	2	Sub-Class 8.—Diseases of the Urinary System and Organs of Generation.				
Diphtheria and Croup ..	57	57	76	73	Total Sub-Class 8 ..	66	28	59	41
Whooping Cough	88	89	402	511					
Influenza	14	23	141	171	Sub-Class 9.—Diseases of Parturition.				
Phthisis	180	92	518	472	Total Sub-Class 9 ..	..	25	..	56
Furunculæ .. ..	..	14	..	16					
Others (including Fever ill-defined)	99	70	305	182	Sub-Class 10.—Diseases of Bones and Joints.				
Total Sub-Class 1 ..	808	621	2229	2211	Total Sub-Class 10 ..	4	3	10	6
Sub-Class 2.—Parasitic Diseases.									
Total Sub-Class 2 ..	2	5	26	31	Sub-Class 11.—Disease of the Integumentary System.				
Total Class I. ..	810	626	2255	2242	Total Sub-Class 11 ..	1	3	1	4
					Total Class V. ..	1010	766	2536	2137
CLASS II.—DIETETIC DISEASES AND CHRONIC POISONS.									
Total Class II. ..	35	8	42	13	CLASS VI.—VIOLENCE.				
					Sub-Class 1.—Accident or Negligence.				
CLASS III.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.					Total Sub-Class 1 ..	114	27	231	67
Total Class III. ..	94	69	68	70					
					Sub-Class 2.—Suicide.				
CLASS IV.—DEVELOPMENTAL DEFECTS AND DEGENERATION.					Total Sub-Class 2 ..	10	4	8	1
Total Class IV. ..	160	138	308	301					
					Sub-Class 3.—Homicide.				
CLASS V.—LOCAL DISEASES.					Total Sub-Class 3 ..	2	3	11	3
Sub-Class 1.—Diseases of the Nervous System.									
Total Sub-Class 1 ..	251	173	737	605	Sub-Class 4.—Execution.				
Sub-Class 2.—Diseases of the Organs of Special Sense.					Total Sub-Class 4 ..	..	..	4	..
Total Sub-Class 2 ..	1	1	3	2	Total Class VI. ..	126	34	264	71
Sub-Class 3.—Diseases of the Circulatory System.									
Total Sub-Class 3 ..	199	156	208	155	CLASS VII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED, INCLUDING *FEVER (UNCERTIFIED).				
Sub-Class 4.—Diseases of the Respiratory System.					Total Class VII. ..	62	61	398	362
Bronchitis	62	51	242	275					
Pneumonia	165	100	630	434	Grand Total ..	2287	1702	5861	5196
Others	22	20	230	209					
Total Sub-Class 4 ..	249	171	1102	918					
Sub-Class 5.—Diseases of the Alimentary System.									
Enteritis	158	140	238	221					
Others	47	42	147	112					
Total Sub-Class 5 ..	205	182	385	333					

* Includes 7 European males, 11 European females, 180 coloured males, and 169 coloured females.

No. 2.—RETURN, for URBAN and for RURAL AREAS, for certain districts, of the NUMBER of DEATHS (those of Whites distinguished from those of All Others, and Male from Female) which occurred in 1896, and had been registered up to the 15th January, 1897.

DISTRICT.	European or White.		Total other than European or White.		Total.		Persons.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Albany	Urban ..	105	59	177	152	282	211	493
	Rural ..	12	10	102	116	114	126	240
	Total ..	117	69	279	268	396	337	733
Aliwal North	Urban ..	23	20	50	27	73	47	120
	Rural ..	18	12	20	21	38	33	71
	Total ..	41	32	70	48	111	80	191
Beaufort West	Urban ..	39	20	101	81	140	101	241
	Rural ..	21	10	23	22	44	32	76
	Total ..	60	30	124	103	184	133	317
Cape	Urban ..	512	311	776	598	1288	909	2197
	Rural ..	9	7	41	43	50	50	100
	At Sea ..	32	5	8	..	40	5	45
	Total ..	553	323	825	641	1378	964	2342
Wynberg	Urban ..	93	88	165	168	258	256	514
	Rural ..	33	22	87	72	120	94	214
	Total ..	126	110	252	240	378	350	728
Simonstown	Urban ..	27	22	31	19	58	41	99
	Rural ..	7	5	2	8	9	13	22
	At Sea ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
	Total ..	35	27	33	27	68	54	122
Cradock	Urban ..	42	27	90	102	132	129	261
	Rural ..	25	23	54	49	79	72	151
	Total ..	67	50	144	151	211	201	412
East London	Urban ..	63	42	53	35	116	77	193
	Rural ..	8	6	154	151	162	157	319
	At Sea ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
	Total ..	72	48	207	186	279	234	513
Graaff-Reinet	Urban ..	53	50	146	131	199	181	380
	Rural ..	16	17	52	57	68	74	142
	Total ..	69	67	198	188	267	255	522
Kimberley	Urban ..	173	134	675	289	848	423	1271
	Rural ..	7	12	37	31	44	43	87
	Total ..	180	146	712	320	892	466	1358
King William's Town	Urban ..	70	47	107	101	177	148	326
	Rural ..	10	7	796	867	806	874	1680
	Total ..	80	54	903	968	983	1022	2005
Almesbury	Urban ..	26	23	32	30	58	53	111
	Rural ..	71	66	151	106	222	172	394
	Total ..	97	89	183	136	280	225	505
Mossel Bay	Urban ..	14	3	22	20	36	23	59
	Rural ..	15	14	14	14	29	28	57
	Total ..	29	17	36	34	65	51	116
ud shoorn	Urban ..	57	42	122	123	179	165	344
	Rural ..	64	70	131	152	195	222	417
	Total ..	121	112	253	275	374	387	761

No. 2.—RETURN, for URBAN and for RURAL AREAS, for certain districts, of the NUMBER of DEATHS (those of Whites distinguished from those of All Others, and Male from Female), which occurred in 1896, and had been registered up to the 15th January, 1897.—Continued.

DISTRICT.	European or White.		Total other than European or White.		Total.		Persons.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Paarl	Urban ..	55	65	132	116	187	181	368
	Rural ..	26	24	105	91	131	115	246
	Total ..	81	89	237	207	318	296	614
Port Elizabeth	Urban ..	206	155	425	420	631	575	1206
	Rural ..	3	4	17	19	20	23	43
	At Sea ..	5	..	1	..	6	..	6
	Total ..	214	159	443	439	657	598	1255
Queenstown	Urban ..	51	35	94	84	145	119	264
	Rural ..	17	16	90	101	107	117	224
	Total ..	68	51	184	185	252	236	488
Robertson	Urban ..	29	28	62	53	91	81	172
	Rural ..	29	29	46	51	75	80	155
	Total ..	58	57	108	104	166	161	327
Somerset East	Urban ..	15	15	61	62	76	77	153
	Rural ..	34	32	108	106	142	138	280
	Total ..	49	47	169	168	218	215	433
Stellenbosch	Urban ..	25	22	82	63	107	85	192
	Rural ..	14	14	58	47	72	61	133
	Total ..	39	36	140	110	179	146	325
Uitenhage	Urban ..	37	28	99	130	136	158	294
	Rural ..	42	21	139	152	181	173	354
	Total ..	79	49	238	282	317	331	648
Worcester	Urban ..	21	22	69	85	90	107	197
	Rural ..	31	18	54	31	85	49	134
	Total ..	52	40	123	116	175	156	331
GRAND TOTAL	2287	1702	5861	5196	8148	6898	15046	

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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT,
18th March, 1897

DEATHS; 1896; PARTIAL RETURN;

No. 3.—RETURN, for Certified and Uncertified Cases, for certain districts, of the Number Registered up to the

District.		European or White.		Malay.		Hottentot.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Albany	C	110	55	..	..	16	11
	U	7	14	1	..	31	35
Total .. .. .	..	117	69	1	..	47	46
Aliwal North]	C	28	26	..	..	6	..
	U	13	6	..	..	2	1
Total .. .. .	..	41	32	..	..	8	1
Beaufort West	C	40	18	..	1	10	4
	U	20	12	..	..	22	28
Total .. .. .	..	60	30	..	1	32	32
Cape Town	C	374	217	123	151	10	2
	U	7	2	3	4	..	..
Total .. .. .	..	381	219	126	155	10	2
Cape (excluding Municipality of Cape Town.)—							
Green and Sea Point	C	28	11	..	..	..	..
	U	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .. .. .	..	28	11	..	..	..	..
Woodstock	C	61	62	..	1	..	..
	U	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .. .. .	..	61	62	..	1	..	..
Maitland	C	25	13	..	1	..	1
	U	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .. .. .	..	25	13	..	1	..	1
Robben Island	C	15	4	..	..	..	..
	U	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .. .. .	..	15	4	..	..	..	..
D'Urbanville	C	2	2	..	..	..	..
	U	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total .. .. .	..	2	2	..	..	..	..
Rural Areas	C	4	2	..	..	1	..
	U	5	5	..	..	2	5
Total .. .. .	..	9	7	..	..	3	5
At Sea	C	5	..	..	..	..	..
	U	27	5	..	..	..	..
Total .. .. .	..	32	5	..	..	..	..
Total for Cape District	C	140	94	..	2	1	1
	U	32	10	..	..	2	6
Total .. .. .	..	172	104	..	2	3	6

RACES; CERTIFIED AND UNCERTIFIED.

of Deaths—distinguishing the Races and Sexes—which occurred in 1896, and had been 15th January, 1897.

Fingo.		Kafir and Bechuana.		Mixed and Other.		Total other than European or White.		Total.		Total.
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Persons.
5	7	35	6	16	15	72	39	182	94	276
15	13	140	167	20	14	207	229	214	243	457
20	20	175	173	36	29	279	268	396	337	733
9	5	27	14	6	9	48	28	76	54	130
..	2	19	16	1	1	22	20	35	26	61
9	7	46	30	7	10	70	48	111	80	191
..	..	4	1	38	25	52	31	92	49	141
..	..	10	7	40	37	72	72	92	84	176
..	..	14	8	78	62	124	103	184	133	317
3	1	35	2	427	329	598	485	972	702	1674
..	..	..	1	19	12	22	17	29	19	48
3	1	35	3	446	341	620	502	1001	721	1722
..	7	4	7	4	35	15	50
..	1	..	1	..	1	..	1
..	8	4	8	4	36	15	51
..	..	2	..	40	27	42	28	103	90	193
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..	..	2	..	40	27	42	28	103	90	193
..	..	2	..	25	31	27	33	52	46	98
..	2	2	2	2	2	2	4
..	..	2	..	27	33	29	35	54	48	102
..	76	25	76	25	91	29	120
..
..	..	..	..	76	25	76	25	91	29	120
..	..	..	1	1	2	1	3	3	5	8
..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	1
..	..	..	1	1	3	1	4	3	6	9
..	..	1	..	3	3	5	3	9	5	14
..	..	2	2	32	33	36	40	41	45	86
..	..	3	2	35	36	41	43	50	50	100
..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	6	..	6
..	..	..	..	7	..	7	..	34	5	39
..	..	..	..	8	..	8	..	40	5	45
..	..	5	1	153	92	159	96	299	190	489
..	..	2	2	42	36	46	43	78	53	131
..	..	7	3	195	128	205	139	377	243	620

DEATHS; 1896; PARTIAL RETURN;

No. 3.—RETURN, for Certified and Uncertified Cases, for certain districts, of the Number Registered up to the

District.	European or White.		Malay.		Hottentot.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
WYNBERG DISTRICT—							
Mowbray	C	19	16	4	5	..	..
	U	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total		19	16	4	5	..	..
Rondebosch	C	13	10	..	3	..	..
	U	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total		13	10	..	3	..	..
Claremont	C	25	24	15	15	..	..
	U	..	..	1	1	..	..
Total		25	24	16	16	..	..
Wynberg	C	35	36	5	4	2	..
	U	1	2	..	..	..	..
Total		36	38	5	4	2	..
Rural Areas	C	26	15	2	2	6	1
	U	7	7	..	..	..	..
Total		33	22	2	2	6	1
Total for Wynberg District	C	118	101	26	29	8	1
	U	8	9	1	1	..	..
Total		126	110	27	30	8	1
Simonstown	C	31	24	5	4	..	..
	U	4	3	..	..	..	..
Total		35	27	5	4	..	..
Cradock	C	52	31	..	..	3	5
	U	15	19	..	1	31	26
Total		67	50	..	1	34	31
East London	C	63	36	..	..	4	4
	U	9	12	..	..	4	5
Total		72	48	..	..	8	9
Graaff Reinet	C	50	46	..	..	4	2
	U	19	21	..	..	13	12
Total		69	67	..	..	17	14
Kimberley	C	171	131	5	8	35	26
	U	9	15	..	1	16	13
Total		180	146	5	9	51	39
King William's Town	C	59	38	..	..	8	6
	U	21	16	..	..	13	6
Total		80	54	..	..	21	12

RACES; CERTIFIED AND UNCERTIFIED.

of Deaths—distinguishing the Races and Sexes—which occurred in 1896, and had been Registered up to the 15th January, 1897.—(Continued.)

Fingo.		Kafir and Bechuana.		Mixed and Other.		Total other than European or White.		Total.		Total.
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Persons.
..	..	..	..	19	17	23	22	42	38	80
..
..	..	..	..	19	17	23	22	42	38	80
..	..	..	..	16	8	16	11	29	21	50
..	..	1	..	1	1	2	1	2	1	3
..	..	1	..	17	9	18	12	31	22	53
..	..	..	1	37	50	52	66	77	90	167
..	..	..	..	2	4	3	5	3	5	8
..	..	..	1	39	54	55	71	80	95	175
..	..	2	1	60	57	69	62	104	98	202
..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	3	4
..	..	2	1	60	58	69	63	105	101	206
..	..	5	..	52	44	65	47	91	62	153
..	..	1	..	21	25	22	25	29	32	61
..	..	6	..	73	69	87	72	120	94	214
..	..	7	2	184	176	225	208	343	309	652
..	..	2	..	24	31	27	32	35	41	76
..	..	9	2	208	207	252	240	378	350	728
..	..	..	2	24	14	29	20	60	44	104
..	..	..	..	4	7	4	7	8	10	18
..	..	..	2	28	21	33	27	68	54	122
..	..	12	10	8	11	23	26	75	57	132
3	2	64	78	23	18	121	125	136	144	280
3	2	76	88	31	29	144	151	211	201	412
2	3	24	6	7	5	37	18	100	54	154
30	20	127	143	9	..	170	168	179	180	359
32	23	151	149	16	5	207	186	279	234	513
9	1	19	9	45	34	77	46	127	92	219
11	10	47	54	50	66	121	142	140	163	303
20	11	66	63	95	100	198	188	267	255	522
15	5	412	60	108	79	575	178	746	309	1055
..	..	101	97	20	31	137	142	146	157	303
15	5	513	157	128	110	712	320	892	466	1358
5	5	35	23	..	1	48	35	107	78	185
258	282	584	644	..	1	855	933	876	949	1826
263	287	619	667	..	2	903	968	983	1022	2005

DEATHS; 1896; PARTIAL RETURN;

No. 3.—RETURN, for Certified and Uncertified Cases, for certain districts, of the Number Registered up to the

District.		European or White.		Malay.		Hottentot.	
		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
		Malmesbury	C	33	25	..	..	11	10
	U	64	64	..	..	49	37
Total	..	97	89	..	..	60	47
Mossel Bay	C	15	2	..	..	..	..
	U	14	15	..	..	5	6
Total	..	29	17	..	..	5	6
Oudtshoorn	C	34	27	..	..	1	1
	U	87	85	..	1	43	43
Total	..	121	112	..	1	44	44
Paarl	C	56	66	..	..	..	..
	U	25	23	..	..	12	7
Total	..	81	89	..	..	12	7
Fort Elizabeth	C	198	140	16	18	3	10
	U	16	19	3	2	15	8
Total	..	214	159	19	20	18	18
Queenstown	C	52	40	..	..	1	3
	U	16	11	..	..	5	17
Total	..	68	51	..	..	6	20
Robertson	C	28	23	..	..	24	17
	U	30	34	..	..	40	43
Total	..	58	57	..	..	64	60
Somerset East	C	15	16	..	..	5	5
	U	34	31	..	..	21	24
Total	..	49	47	..	..	26	29
Stellenbosch	C	26	29	..	..	2	..
	U	13	7	..	..	1	2
Total	..	39	36	..	..	3	2
Uitenhage	C	33	30	3	3	13	14
	U	46	19	..	..	35	55
Total	..	79	49	3	3	48	69
Worcester	C	28	17	1	..	5	10
	U	24	23	1	..	28	17
Total	..	52	40	2	..	33	27
Combined Total	..	2287	1702	188	226	558	522

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT,
19th March, 1897.

RACES; CERTIFIED AND UNCERTIFIED.

of Deaths—distinguishing the Races and Sexes—which occurred in 1896, and had been 15th January, 1897.—(Continued.)

Fingo.		Kafir and Bechuana.		Mixed and Other.		Total other than European or White.		Total.		Total.
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Persons.
..	..	2	..	18	19	31	29	64	54	118
1	..	2	..	100	70	152	107	216	171	387
1	..	4	..	118	89	183	136	280	225	505
..	..	..	..	9	11	9	11	24	13	37
..	..	2	..	20	17	27	23	41	38	79
..	..	2	..	29	28	36	34	65	51	116
..	..	..	..	31	24	32	25	66	52	118
..	2	11	8	167	196	221	250	308	335	643
..	2	11	8	198	220	253	275	374	387	761
..	..	..	..	113	107	113	107	169	173	342
..	..	..	..	112	93	124	100	149	123	272
..	..	..	..	225	200	237	207	318	296	614
13	19	82	45	116	110	230	202	428	342	770
30	34	103	111	62	82	213	237	229	256	485
43	53	185	156	178	192	443	439	657	598	1255
4	1	34	11	6	2	45	17	97	57	154
37	47	92	100	5	4	139	158	155	179	334
41	48	126	111	11	6	184	185	252	236	488
..	..	1	..	16	17	41	34	69	57	126
..	..	..	..	27	27	67	70	97	104	201
..	..	1	..	43	44	108	104	166	161	327
..	1	10	9	12	17	27	32	42	48	90
15	13	78	83	28	16	142	136	176	167	343
15	14	88	92	40	33	169	168	218	215	433
..	..	2	..	81	72	85	72	111	101	212
1	..	1	..	52	36	55	38	68	45	113
1	..	3	..	133	108	140	110	179	146	325
3	8	12	17	4	13	35	55	68	85	153
23	47	113	105	32	20	203	227	249	246	495
26	55	125	122	36	33	238	282	317	331	648
..	..	1	2	42	50	49	62	77	79	156
..	..	6	1	39	36	74	54	98	77	175
..	..	7	3	81	86	123	116	175	156	331
492	528	2263	1837	2360	2083	5861	5196	8148	6898	15046

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DEATHS, 1895 AND 1896. TOWNS.

No. 4.—RETURN, showing, with distinction of Race and Sex, for certain Cities or Chief Towns, the Number of Deaths which occurred therein in 1895 and in 1896 (1896 as far as Registered to 15th January, 1897.)

City or Chief Town.	1895		1896		1895		1896		1895		1896		Remarks.		
	European or White.		European or White.		Other than European or White.		Other than European or White.		Total.		Total.				
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
Graham's Town..	77	59	104	59	126	152	172	150	203	211	276	209	414	485	<p>A Municipal Registration system was in operation on 31st December, 1894, in the following places, viz.:—</p> <p>Aliwal North, Beaufort West, Capetown, Woodstock, Rondebosch, Claremont, Wynberg, Cradock, East London, Graaff-Reinet, Beaconsfield, King William's Town, Malmesbury, Oudshoorn, Wellington, Port Elizabeth, Queenstown, Somerset East, and Uitenhage, and a Government System at Kimberley.</p> <p>The above Deaths include the following non-resident Hospital cases, viz.:—</p> <p>1895.—Cape Town, 70; East London, 4; Graaff-Reinet, 3; Grahamstown, 28; Kimberley, 77; King William's Town, 33; Port Elizabeth, 26; Queenstown, 24.</p> <p>1896.—Cape Town, 50; East London, 7; Grahamstown, 31; Kimberley, 117; King William's Town, 40; Port Elizabeth, 16; Queenstown, 31; Wynberg, 14; Woodstock, 4.</p>
Aliwal North ..	17	14	18	10	12	10	35	21	29	38	53	31	67	84	
Beaufort West ..	24	20	39	20	40	45	101	81	64	65	140	101	129	241	
Cape Town ..	446	322	381	219	716	706	620	502	1162	1028	1001	721	2190	1722	
Green and Sea Point ..	22	22	28	11	8	11	8	4	30	33	36	15	63	51	
Woodstock ..	91	82	61	62	60	54	42	28	151	136	103	90	287	193	
Maitland ..	18	14	25	13	29	28	29	35	47	42	54	48	89	102	
Rondebosch ..	20	20	19	16	35	41	23	22	55	61	42	38	116	80	
Mowbray ..	12	10	13	10	85	86	18	12	113	120	80	95	233	175	
Claremont ..	30	32	25	24	33	36	55	63	96	85	105	101	181	206	
Wynberg ..	37	27	36	38	59	58	69	63	113	120	80	95	233	175	
Sinon's Town ..	13	15	14	17	25	21	19	11	38	38	33	28	74	61	
Cradock ..	17	26	35	26	81	85	96	96	98	117	120	122	215	242	
East London ..	52	47	43	46	60	60	50	32	112	112	109	72	189	242	
Graaff-Reinet ..	42	42	43	46	92	69	137	120	134	111	180	166	245	346	
Kimberley ..	140	98	130	99	557	185	550	207	697	283	680	306	980	986	
Beaconsfield ..	41	36	40	35	94	77	120	77	135	113	160	112	248	272	
King William's Town ..	46	54	52	36	46	35	61	49	92	89	113	85	181	198	
Malmesbury ..	17	12	14	14	37	39	16	12	54	54	30	26	105	56	
Mossel Bay ..	9	7	13	3	29	26	16	16	38	33	29	19	71	48	
Oudshoorn ..	27	23	52	36	72	61	106	103	99	84	158	139	183	297	
Pearl ..	39	38	45	42	107	100	106	92	146	138	151	134	284	285	
Wellington ..	7	12	9	21	21	23	20	21	28	35	29	42	63	71	
Port Elizabeth ..	179	121	205	154	279	232	424	414	458	353	629	568	811	1197	
Queenstown ..	31	23	46	29	88	70	86	67	119	93	132	96	212	228	
Robertson ..	22	33	19	20	36	33	33	33	58	66	52	54	124	106	
Somerset East ..	14	16	10	9	34	37	48	49	68	63	58	58	119	116	
Stellenbosch ..	8	16	16	14	44	44	54	44	52	67	70	58	119	128	
Uitenhage ..	38	26	37	22	80	101	87	87	116	118	124	144	245	268	
Worcester ..	24	25	21	22	117	108	66	63	141	133	87	105	274	192	
Total ..	1560	1292	1609	1173	3102	2632	3256	2632	4662	3924	4865	3805	8586	8670	

REGISTRATIONS.

No. 5.—RETURN of BIRTHS and DEATHS "Registered" by the Deputy Registrars for the respective Districts of the Colony Proper, excluding the Districts of British Bechuanaland annexed 15th November, 1895.

District.	Births.		Deaths.		District.	Births.		Deaths.	
	1895	1896	1895	1896		1895	1896	1895	1896
Aberdeen ..	203	273	106	204	Ladismith ..	270	277	114	150
Albany ..	831	836	623	756	Malmesbury ..	891	1015	507	557
Albert ..	465	474	303	394	Middelburg ..	286	319	143	206
Alexandria ..	294	314	179	181	Mossel Bay ..	258	307	122	120
Aliwal North ..	283	321	165	198	Murraysburg ..	114	112	54	88
Barkly East ..	230	226	129	79	Namaqualand ..	465	432	339	420
Barkly West ..	520	548	473	418	Oudshoorn ..	845	1093	478	788
Bathurst ..	359	400	266	202	Paarl ..	846	942	713	629
Beaufort West ..	273	376	190	350	Peddie ..	558	696	463	344
Bedford ..	330	475	174	244	Philip's Town ..	184	207	100	108
Bredasdorp ..	216	289	122	189	Piquetberg ..	418	568	175	337
Britstown ..	163	181	119	147	Port Elizabeth ..	1086	1209	870	1259
Caledon ..	385	433	307	272	Port Nolloth ..	51	81	52	84
Calvinia ..	222	337	120	191	Prieska ..	217	212	99	100
Cape Town ..	2304	2400	2215	1731	Prince Albert ..	270	319	136	255
Excl. Munic. ..	706	909	712	636	Queen's Town ..	659	766	471	526
Carnarvon ..	185	167	172	157	Richmond ..	165	194	97	140
Cathcart ..	184	243	77	112	Riversdale ..	385	427	157	214
Ceres ..	200	225	133	167	Robertson ..	492	552	423	340
Clanwilliam ..	293	359	122	181	Simon's Town ..	153	191	127	126
Colesberg ..	184	285	111	228	Somerset East ..	664	799	333	455
Cradock ..	528	590	360	416	Stellenbosch ..	484	494	414	327
East London ..	921	1132	584	525	Steynsburg ..	159	160	64	117
Fort Beaufort ..	384	448	232	346	Stockenstrom ..	344	340	196	277
Fraserburg ..	200	229	77	139	Stutterheim ..	353	418	147	143
George ..	316	393	136	173	Sutherland ..	102	117	52	75
Glen Grey (Native Dist.) ..	455	252	498	383	Swellendam ..	389	455	223	297
Graaff-Reinet ..	611	650	387	538	Tarka ..	243	296	116	173
Hanover ..	112	172	98	140	Tulbagh ..	235	252	170	168
Hay ..	344	306	143	132	Uitenhage ..	812	765	543	646
Herbert ..	302	284	130	140	Unio-dale ..	341	353	161	161
Herschel (Native Dist.) ..	843	995	431	423	Van Rhynsdorp ..	128	143	68	72
Hope Town ..	163	174	82	93	Victoria East ..	514	496	261	426
Humansdorp ..	410	479	219	253	Victoria West ..	132	174	117	155
Jansenville ..	387	428	215	243	Willowmore ..	313	383	156	266
Kenhardt ..	215	216	78	82	Wodehouse ..	268	365	175	180
Kimberley ..	1069	1192	1341	1382	Worcester ..	504	566	433	338
King William's Town ..	1747	2688	1712	2094	Wynberg ..	1176	1317	829	738
Knysna ..	234	293	106	126	Total ..	34143	39118	23940	26586
Komgha ..	318	314	197	116					

NOTE.—A considerable number of Births and of Deaths that were "Registered" in 1896 actually occurred in 1895, the first year of a general Registration system.

NOTE.—The detailed returns by Ages and Races of the Causes of Deaths in each of the Chief Towns have been completed and handed over to the Health Department. As the figures have been communicated to the Newspaper Press for local publication, and will, after re-arrangement, shortly be published in the Health Report, it does not appear necessary to reproduce them in this paper. The first return was finished on the 17th February, 1897, and the last of the set on the 17th instant.

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT,

22nd March, 1897.

DEATHS, 1896.—PARTIAL RETURN.

No. 2.—(Continued from page 3)—RETURN, for URBAN and RURAL AREAS for certain Districts, of the NUMBER of DEATHS (those of Whites distinguished from those of All Others, and Male from Female), which occurred in 1896, and had been registered up to the 15th January, 1897.—Continued.

DISTRICT.	European or White.		Total other than European or White.		Total.		Persons.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Brought forward from page 3 ..	2287	1702	5861	5196	8148	6898	15046
Aberdeen Urban ..	13	12	54	33	67	45	112
Rural ..	11	9	38	23	49	32	81
Total	24	21	92	56	116	77	193
Albert Urban ..	45	31	51	49	96	80	176
Rural ..	42	31	62	39	104	70	174
Total	87	62	113	88	200	150	350
Alexandria Urban ..	2	3	6	3	8	6	14
Rural ..	6	6	75	71	81	77	158
Total	8	9	81	74	89	83	172
Barkly East Urban ..	2	6	7	5	9	11	20
Rural ..	9	12	24	9	33	21	54
Total	11	18	31	14	42	32	74
Barkly West Urban ..	13	11	61	36	74	47	121
Rural ..	23	17	107	58	130	75	205
Total	36	28	168	94	204	122	326
Bathurst Urban ..	9	5	12	20	21	25	46
Rural ..	3	3	70	59	73	62	135
Total	12	8	82	79	94	87	181
Bedford Urban ..	4	4	20	21	24	25	49
Rural ..	10	13	83	74	93	87	180
Total	14	17	103	95	117	112	229
Bredasdorp Urban ..	6	4	16	22	22	26	48
Rural ..	25	19	53	34	78	53	131
Total	31	23	69	56	100	79	179
Britstown Urban ..	15	20	29	30	44	50	94
Rural ..	4	9	19	15	23	24	47
Total	19	29	48	45	67	74	141
Caledon Urban ..	23	10	66	49	89	59	148
Rural ..	32	27	23	19	55	46	101
Total	55	37	89	68	144	105	249
Calvinia Urban ..	5	3	18	14	23	17	40
Rural ..	27	33	36	41	63	74	137
Total	32	36	54	55	86	91	177
Carnarvon Urban ..	11	11	27	40	38	51	89
Rural ..	15	11	25	15	40	26	66
Total	26	22	52	55	78	77	155
Cathcart Urban ..	4	3	7	2	11	5	16
Rural ..	15	7	36	31	51	38	89
Total	19	10	43	33	62	43	105

DEATHS, 1896.—PARTIAL RETURN.

No. 2.—(Continued from page 3)—RETURN, for URBAN and RURAL AREAS for certain Districts, of the NUMBER of DEATHS (those of Whites distinguished from those of All Others, and Male from Female), which occurred in 1896, and had been registered up to the 15th January, 1897.—Continued.

DISTRICT.	European or White.		Total other than European or White.		Total.		Persons.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Ceres Urban ..	13	7	32	31	45	38	83
Rural ..	14	16	23	17	37	33	70
Total	27	23	55	48	82	71	153
Clauwilliam Urban ..	..	2	15	13	15	15	30
Rural ..	17	24	54	43	71	67	138
Total	17	26	69	56	86	82	168
Colesberg Urban ..	11	14	55	41	66	55	121
Rural ..	16	16	31	31	47	47	94
Total	27	30	86	72	113	102	215
Fort Beaufort Urban ..	14	7	100	67	114	74	188
Rural ..	9	7	76	65	85	72	157
Total	23	14	176	132	199	146	345
Fraserburg Urban ..	7	9	20	18	27	27	54
Rural ..	26	19	12	5	38	24	62
Total	33	28	32	23	65	51	116
George Urban ..	23	11	15	22	38	33	71
Rural ..	16	19	31	29	47	48	95
Total	39	30	46	51	85	81	166
Glen Grey (Native District) Urban ..	2	1	..	..	2	1	3
Rural ..	5	1	199	179	204	180	384
Total	7	2	199	179	206	181	387
Hanover Urban ..	7	10	27	28	34	38	72
Rural ..	8	7	20	26	28	33	61
Total	15	17	47	54	62	71	133
Hay Urban ..	11	7	15	14	26	21	47
Rural ..	21	17	26	15	47	32	79
Total	32	24	41	29	73	53	126
Herbert Urban ..	9	4	9	12	18	16	34
Rural ..	15	8	41	41	56	49	105
Total	24	12	50	53	74	65	139
Herschel (Native District) Rural ..	..	2	219	189	219	191	410
Total .. ..	..	2	219	189	219	191	410
Hope Town Urban ..	7	3	15	9	22	12	34
Rural ..	10	8	26	9	36	17	53
Total	17	11	41	18	58	29	87
Humansdorp Urban ..	1	2	17	16	18	18	36
Rural ..	20	17	76	90	96	107	203
Total	21	19	93	106	114	125	239
Jansenville Urban ..	8	6	18	19	26	25	51
Rural ..	33	37	63	51	96	88	184
Total	41	43	81	70	122	113	235

DEATHS, 1896.—PARTIAL RETURN.

No. 2.—(Continued from page 3)—RETURN for URBAN and RURAL AREAS for certain Districts, of the NUMBER of DEATHS (those of Whites distinguished from those of All Others, and Male from Female), which occurred in 1896, and had been registered up to the 15th January, 1897.—Continued.

DISTRICT.	European or White.		Total other than European or White.		Total.		Persons.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Kenhardt	Urban ..	4	2	14	7	18	9	27
	Rural ..	16	12	14	11	30	23	53
	Total ..	20	14	28	18	48	32	80
Knysna	Urban ..	4	3	7	6	11	9	20
	Rural ..	15	15	42	27	57	42	99
	Total ..	19	18	49	33	68	51	119
Komgha	Urban ..	3	4	3	..	6	4	10
	Rural ..	3	5	52	41	55	46	101
	Total ..	6	9	55	41	61	50	111
Ladismith	Urban ..	2	2	3	7	5	9	14
	Rural ..	31	33	34	36	65	69	134
	Total ..	33	35	37	43	70	78	148
Middelburg	Urban ..	13	18	37	37	50	55	105
	Rural ..	14	13	32	38	46	51	97
	Total ..	27	31	69	75	96	106	202
Murraysburg	Urban ..	5	9	21	25	26	34	60
	Rural ..	2	1	12	10	14	11	25
	Total ..	7	10	33	35	40	45	85
Namaqualand	Urban ..	2	4	71	62	73	66	139
	Rural ..	19	18	116	125	135	143	278
	Total ..	21	22	187	187	208	209	417
Peddie	Urban ..	2	3	3	3	5	6	11
	Rural ..	4	6	161	147	165	153	318
	Total ..	6	9	164	150	170	159	329
Philipstown	Urban ..	13	14	9	16	22	30	52
	Rural ..	13	5	20	13	33	18	51
	Total ..	26	19	29	29	55	48	103
Piquetberg	Urban ..	9	16	17	20	26	36	62
	Rural ..	57	52	61	82	118	134	252
	Total ..	66	68	78	102	144	170	314
Port Nolloth	Urban ..	2	6	33	23	35	29	64
	Rural ..	1	1	8	10	9	11	20
	At Sea ..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
Total ..	4	7	41	33	45	40	85	
Prieska	Urban ..	6	6	14	17	20	23	43
	Rural ..	14	9	19	13	33	22	55
	Total ..	20	15	33	30	53	45	98
Prince Albert	Urban ..	20	24	29	28	49	52	101
	Rural ..	28	22	45	46	73	68	141
	Total ..	48	46	74	74	122	120	242
Richmond	Urban ..	18	15	22	30	40	45	85
	Rural ..	5	6	18	22	23	28	51
	Total ..	23	21	40	52	63	73	136

DEATHS, 1896.—PARTIAL RETURN.

No. 2.—(Continued from page 3)—RETURN for URBAN and RURAL AREAS for certain Districts, of the NUMBER of DEATHS (those of Whites distinguished from those of All Others, and Male from Female), which occurred in 1896, and had been registered up to the 15th January, 1897.

DISTRICT.	European or White.		Total other than European or White.		Total.		Persons.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
Riversdale	Urban ..	15	6	21	20	36	26	62
	Rural ..	34	32	35	37	69	69	138
	Total ..	49	38	56	57	105	95	200
Steynsburg	Urban ..	20	17	13	25	33	42	75
	Rural ..	11	12	14	7	25	19	44
	Total ..	31	29	27	32	58	61	119
Stockenstrom	Urban ..	11	11	120	108	131	119	250
	Rural ..	1	..	13	17	14	17	31
	Total ..	12	11	133	125	145	136	281
Stutterheim	Urban ..	3	4	19	24	22	28	50
	Rural ..	6	4	45	37	51	41	92
	Total ..	9	8	64	61	73	69	142
Sutherland	Urban ..	4	3	6	12	10	15	25
	Rural ..	20	10	5	11	25	21	46
	Total ..	24	13	11	23	35	36	71
Swellendam	Urban ..	21	19	39	61	60	80	140
	Rural ..	34	26	23	50	57	76	133
	Total ..	55	45	62	111	117	156	273
Tarka	Urban ..	22	8	19	29	41	37	78
	Rural ..	13	12	30	34	43	46	89
	Total ..	35	20	49	63	84	83	167
Tulbagh	Urban ..	5	5	8	2	13	7	20
	Rural ..	12	11	59	68	71	79	150
	Total ..	17	16	67	70	84	86	170
Uniondale	Urban ..	8	6	17	25	25	31	56
	Rural ..	14	16	25	39	39	55	94
	Total ..	22	22	42	64	64	86	150
Van Rhy'n's Dorp	Urban ..	2	1	..	8	2	9	11
	Rural ..	9	5	16	24	25	29	54
	Total ..	11	6	16	32	27	38	65
Victoria East	Urban ..	3	4	14	5	17	9	26
	Rural ..	5	2	188	193	193	195	388
	Total ..	8	6	202	198	210	204	414
Victoria West	Urban ..	14	12	22	29	36	41	77
	Rural ..	18	10	24	25	42	35	77
	Total ..	32	22	46	54	78	76	154
Willowmore	Urban ..	13	12	51	49	64	61	125
	Rural ..	28	22	45	36	73	58	131
	Total ..	41	34	96	85	137	119	256
Wodehouse	Urban ..	4	7	17	13	21	20	41
	Rural ..	30	22	46	34	76	56	132
	Total ..	34	29	63	47	97	76	173
COLONY PROPER (Excluding Bechuanaland)								
GRAND TOTAL		3690	2926	9972	9012	13662	11938	25600

MEMORANDUM ON STATISTICAL RETURN OF MARRIAGES, 1896.

I.—WEDDING DAYS.

A Friday is evidently an unpropitious day for the solemnization of the marriage ceremony, as out of 7,853 marriages only 164 or 2·09 per cent. (compared with 2·04 per cent. in 1895) of the whole took place on that day. Tuesdays were most frequently selected, 39·04 per cent. occurring then (38·49 in 1895), Mondays coming next with a percentage of 33·33 (35·47 in 1895), while only 1,088 happened on Wednesdays, 451 on Thursdays, 254 on Sundays, and 212 on Saturdays.

Upon six days in 1896, four times on a Friday in March, June, July and December, and once on a Saturday in October and a Sunday in July, *no* weddings were held. Sixteen days are credited with *one* marriage each. The highest number, namely, 88, on the contrary is recorded against the 16th October, with 82 on the 9th May and 21st July. The largest number in a full week was 197 in the seven days ended the 25th July, and the lowest 113 in January.

II.—RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION.

In 7,224 cases banns were called by Ministers of Religion or by Resident Magistrates, the remaining instances, 629 (8 per cent.), being by licence.

The number of marriages before Protestant Clergymen was 7,253, before Roman Catholic 158, and before Jewish 25, while 417 (or 5·3 per cent., compared with 4·4 per cent. in 1895) were dealt with by Magistrates, under the provisions of Act No. 16 of 1860.

The majority of the parties wedded belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church, the percentage for which is 31·44, the Church of England follows next with 1,553 cases, which was 163 in advance of the Wesleyan Methodists, while London Missionary Society and Independents combined show 798 marriages. 12·31 of the unions were registered in the Native Territories.

III.—EDUCATION OF PERSONS MARRIED.

The degree of education possessed by the contracting parties is indicated by the fact that the husbands signed by mark in 511 cases, *i.e.*, 6·5 compared with 6·96 per cent. of the whole in 1895, wives in 420 (5·35 and 5·35 per cent. respectively); both in combination in 1,811 (23·06 and 25·14 per cent.), whilst in the other 5,111 instances, or 65·09 and 62·55 per cent. in 1896 and 1895 respectively, the parties wrote their autographs. There is therefore a noticeable advance in the 12 months in the way of education. The proportion per cent. of illiterates was in 1895 for husbands 32·08, and it now has fallen to 29·56; for wives it was 30·56, and it now is 28·40.

IV.—FORMER CONDITION OF PERSONS MARRIED.

Of the 7,029 *Bachelors*, 6,817 wedded spinsters, 204 widows, and 8 divorced wives; again of the 812 *Widowers*, 570 were united to spinsters, 239 to widows, and 3 to divorced wives; lastly, of 12 *Divorced Husbands*, 9 were joined to spinsters and 3 to widows.

V.—AGES IN COMBINATION OF PERSONS MARRIED.

The completeness of an interesting comparison of the ages in combination of Husbands and Wives is spoilt by the registration of 185 persons (18 males and 167 females) simply as "*Minors*," and 6,254 (3,302 males and 2,952 females) as "*Majors*." The *folding-sheet may be read as follows:—18 males below 21 years of age married females, 7 of whom were below 21 years and 10 were of full age, while 1 was 22.

To instance a few cases of disparity of age it may be mentioned that a man of 32 married a woman of 61, another of 90 a woman 48 years younger than himself, again one of 51 a girl of 16. Of the husbands 246 (3·1 per cent.) were minors, and of the wives 2,101 (26·75 per cent), while 7,607 bridegrooms were of age against 5,752 brides. In 1891 at the census date there were 23 males and 86 females *below* 15 years of age returned as married, and 1,019 males and 261 females of 85 years and more.

CONCLUSION.

Mr. Douglas Barry, who prepared the accompanying statistical returns, and who is in charge of Marriage Registers, deserves special commendation for his excellent services.

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Colonial Secretary's Office,
Cape of Good Hope,
Registration Branch,
15th April, 1897.

* Reproduced from Statistical Register, 1896, and attached hereto.

MARRIAGES, 1896.—CALENDAR.

No. 8.—Showing the NUMBER OF MARRIAGES solemnized on each day of the Year 1896, with Weekly and Monthly Totals.

Total for Month.	Sunday.	Monday.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Friday.	Sat.	Total for Week ending Saturday.
	..	..	..	58	15	1	6	80 Jan. 4 (Portion).
	4	35	47	21	5	2	4	118 ,, 11
	4	49	37	19	5	4	2	120 ,, 18
	3	31	48	18	8	3	2	113 ,, 25
January .. 591	4	74	52	18	9	3	..	160 ,, 31 (Portion).
	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	7 Feb. 1 (Portion).
	3	49	39	18	5	1	5	120 ,, 8
	4	46	64	17	7	5	6	149 ,, 15
	7	51	62	11	9	1	2	143 ,, 22
February 542	3	41	49	15	5	3	7	123 ,, 29
	3	52	43	19	9	4	1	131 Mar. 7
	3	44	54	23	11	6	4	145 ,, 14
	5	57	63	20	6	0	2	163 ,, 21
	2	50	51	20	6	4	4	137 ,, 28
March .. 672	2	44	60	..	..	..	..	106 ,, 31 (Portion).
	..	..	..	11	8	3	2	24 Apr. 4 (Portion).
	1	51	81	42	12	1	3	191 ,, 11
	7	35	74	27	12	2	4	161 ,, 18
	4	58	54	20	11	5	4	156 ,, 25
April .. 698	5	55	74	22	10	..	..	166 ,, 30 (Portion).
	..	..	..	..	..	2	4	6 May 2 (Portion).
	9	59	82	20	10	5	3	188 ,, 9
	1	43	59	20	10	4	2	139 ,, 16
	7	51	60	23	7	3	9	160 ,, 23
	7	62	51	19	8	6	5	168 ,, 30
May .. 657	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 ,, 31 (Portion).
	..	42	63	22	7	3	4	141 June 6 (Portion).
	2	61	54	21	8	2	7	155 ,, 13
	3	44	50	17	3	3	2	122 ,, 20
	16	50	59	15	10	0	2	152 ,, 27
June .. 708	10	52	76	..	..	..	..	138 ,, 30 (Portion).
	..	..	..	24	9	0	7	40 July 4 (Portion).
	5	48	64	28	14	7	4	170 ,, 11
	4	55	66	17	15	10	1	168 ,, 18
	8	68	82	23	7	4	5	197 ,, 25
July .. 711	0	52	55	23	5	1	..	136 ,, 31
	..	..	..	..	..	..	9	9 Aug. 1 (Portion).
	3	63	51	18	4	3	4	146 ,, 8
	3	50	60	20	9	2	1	145 ,, 15
	3	47	56	26	7	1	5	145 ,, 22
	7	46	49	20	12	6	5	145 ,, 29
August .. 645	3	52	..	..	..	..	..	55 ,, 31 (Portion).
	..	..	48	20	5	4	3	80 Sept. 5 (Portion).
	10	49	66	16	15	6	6	168 ,, 12
	10	39	63	27	7	1	6	153 ,, 19
	8	55	61	17	7	5	7	160 ,, 26
September 714	3	63	67	20	..	..	..	153 ,, 30 (Portion).
	..	..	..	..	5	8	0	13 Oct. 3 (Portion).
	3	53	88	19	9	3	6	181 ,, 10
	4	47	42	24	3	5	1	126 ,, 17
	5	54	71	31	5	1	2	169 ,, 24
October .. 623	3	50	59	14	5	1	2	134 ,, 31
	11	53	53	12	9	5	9	152 Nov. 7
	10	42	65	18	5	2	3	145 ,, 14
	3	49	50	14	11	2	2	131 ,, 21
	6	52	34	20	8	1	2	123 ,, 28
November 606	6	49	..	..	..	..	..	55 ,, 30 (Portion).
	..	..	53	17	10	4	6	90 Dec. 5 (Portion).
	4	41	57	13	6	2	2	125 ,, 12
	2	49	50	20	8	0	4	143 ,, 19
	3	60	72	23	18	4	7	187 ,, 26
December 686	2	46	78	8	17	..	..	151 ,, 31 (Portion).
Total .. 7853	254	2618	3066	1088	451	164	212	7853

MARRIAGES 1896.—DENOMINATION.

No. 9.—Showing with distinction between Colony Proper and Native Territories, the Number of MARRIAGES solemnized in 1896, by Ministers of each Religious Denomination, by Resident Magistrates, and by specially appointed Marriage Officers.

Religious Denomination of Solemnizing Minister.	Colony Proper (including British Bechuanaland).	Native Territories (including Wa fish Bay).	Total.
Dutch Reformed Church	2,445	24	2,469
S. A. Reformed Church	13	..	13
Church of England	1,377	176	1,553
Wesleyan Methodist	916	474	1,390
Primitive Methodist	6	..	6
Presbyterian	157	17	174
United Presbyterian	15	132	147
Free Church of Scotland	69	42	111
Independents and Congregationalists	610	41	651
London Missionary Society	136	..	136
Baptists—English	67	..	67
Baptists—German	11	..	11
Lutheran	91	..	91
Evangelical	81	..	81
Berlin Mission	15	..	15
Moravian Mission	106	26	132
Rhenish Mission	138	9	147
Seventh Day Adventists	7	..	7
Union Church	4	..	4
Apostolic Union	5	..	5
Paris Missionary Society	1	8	9
South African Mission	14	..	14
Free Protestants	1	..	1
Roman Catholics	150	8	158
RESIDENT MAGISTRATES	407	10	417
Marriage Officers:—			
Jews	25	..	25
Independents	4	..	4
Presbyterians	4	..	4
Dutch Reformed Church	4	..	4
London Missionary Society	7	..	7
Total	6,886	967	7,853

The number of couples married in 1896 by Banns was 7,224 ; by Licence, 629.

MARRIAGES 1896.—EDUCATION ; FORMER CONDITION.

No. 10.—Showing the former condition of the Couples Married in 1896.

The HUSBANDS comprised:—

Bachelors	7,029
Widowers	812
Divorced	12
Total	7,853

The WIVES comprised:—

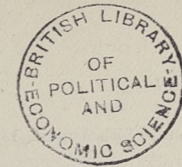
Spinsters	7,396
Widows	446
Divorced	11
Total	7,853

6,817 Bachelors	married Spinsters.
204 ,,	Widows.
8 ,,	Divorced Wives.
570 Widowers	Spinsters.
239 ,,	Widows.
3 ,,	Divorced Wives.
9 Divorced Husbands	Spinsters.
3 ,,	Widows.
0 ,,	Divorced Wives.
<u>7,853</u>	

No. 11.—Showing the Number of Males and Females who signed the MARRIAGE REGISTERS in 1896, by autograph and by Mark, with proportions per cent. of the Illiterates of each Sex.

Husbands signed by mark in	511 Marriages
Wives ,, ,,	420 ,,
Both Husbands and Wives signed by mark in	1,811 ,,
Both Husbands and Wives signed writing in	5,111 ,,
Total	7,853

Sex.	Educated (able to write).	Illiterate (cannot write).	Proportion per cent. of Illiterates among each Sex.
Husbands	5,531	2,322	29.56
Wives	5,622	2,231	28.40



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CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

FINAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRAR OF BIRTHS AND DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1896.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by command of His Excellency the Governor.

GENERAL SUMMARY, 1895 AND 1896. (As taken out to 15th August, 1897).

In making any comparison between the number of Births and of Deaths registered as having occurred in 1895 and 1896, it should be borne in mind (a) as regards the Colony Proper, that in the Glen Grey (*Native*) District the decrease is mainly attributable to the exceeding difficulty of inducing the peasantry to report events, and (b) as regards the Transkeian Territories that the fluctuations are due in great measure to the deeply rooted Native superstitions, which were most conspicuous in 1895 in the Elliotdale and Umtata Districts. In Nqamakwe reports had to be accepted in 1896 without distinction of sex. Further the annexation of Bechuanaland only took place on the 15th November, 1895: consequently reports were rendered for six weeks as against 52 weeks in 1896. For these reasons the gross totals have not been shown in the tables which accompany this Report: they are however given below for males and females of the three main races for the two years. The numerical system it may be remarked is in operation in Elliotdale, Mquanduli, St. Mark's and Umtata Districts in Tembuland, in Idutywa and Nqamakwe Districts in the Transkei, and in Mafeking and Vryburg in Bechuanaland. It may be taken as fairly certain that all Deaths of 1895 and nearly all Births of that year likely to be reported, are included in the subjoined tabular statement.

BIRTHS. (Taken out to 15th August, 1897).

TERRITORIES.	European or White.				Malay, Hottentot, Mixed and Other.			
	1895		1896		1895		1896	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Colony Proper	7424	6945	7085	6931	6354	6249	6583	6308
East Griqualand	96	66	72	58	61	74	57	51
Tembuland	77	83	101	97	25	17	14	9
Transkei	16	23	19	20	1	..	1	3
Walfish Bay .. ..	..	1	1	1	8	11	6	9
Bechuanaland	(g) 13	(g) 16	172	147	(g) 8	(g) 5	105	88
GRAND TOTAL	7626	7134	7450	7254	6457	6356	6766	6468

BIRTHS.—Continued.

TERRITORIES.	Fingo, Kafir and Betchuana.				Total.				Total (including cases undetailed for Sex).	
	1895		1896		1895		1896		1895	1896
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Persons.	Persons.
Colony Proper	5406	5475	5792	5814	19184	18669	19460	19053	37853	38513
East Griqualand	1616	1624	1362	1327	1773	1764	1491	1436	3537	2927
Tembuland	498	521	1442	1539	600	621	1557	1645	1221	(a) 4016
Transkei	1658	1775	1896	1914	1675	1798	1916	1937	3473	(b) 3944
Walfish Bay .. ..	..	..	2	1	8	12	9	11	20	20
Bechuanaland	(g) 12	(g) 21	203	188	(g) 33	(g) 42	480	423	75	503
GRAND TOTAL	9190	9416	10697	10783	23273	22906	24913	24505	46179	50323

(a) Including 814 (in Elliotdale) not detailed by Sex. (b) Including 91 (in Nqamakwe) not detailed by Sex.
(c) Including 905 not detailed by Sex.

DEATHS. (Taken out to 15th August, 1897).

TERRITORIES.	European or White.				Malay, Hottentot, Mixed and Other.			
	1895		1896		1895		1896	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Colony Proper	3537	2982	3768	2994	4913	4829	5148	4919
East Griqualand	26	24	24	17	51	41	29	34
Tembuland	36	23	40	30	18	23	19	14
Transkei	8	9	6	6	2	1	2	3
Walfish Bay .. ..	..	..	2	..	4	6	4	3
Bechuanaland	(g) 10	(g) 5	94	82	(g) 6	(g) 7	101	64
GRAND TOTAL	3617	3043	3934	3129	4994	4907	5303	5037

DEATHS.—Continued.

TERRITORIES.	Fingo, Kafir and Betchuana.				Total.				Total (including cases undetailed for Sex).	
	1895		1896		1895		1896		1895	1896
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Persons.	Persons.
Colony Proper	4626	4018	5003	4261	13076	11829	13919	12174	24905	26093
East Griqualand	1122	1117	796	777	1199	1182	849	828	2381	1677
Tembuland	701	622	1238	1041	755	668	1097	1085	1423	(d) 2343
Transkei	1394	1404	923	826	1404	1414	931	835	2818	(e) 2141
Walfish Bay .. ..	..	..	..	..	4	6	6	3	10	9
Bechuanaland	(g) 5	(g) 9	196	130	(g) 21	(g) 21	391	276	(g) 42	667
GRAND TOTAL	7848	7170	7956	7035	16459	15120	17193	15201	31579	32935

(d) Including 166 (in Elliotdale) not detailed by Sex. (e) Including 375 (in Nqamakwe) not detailed by Sex.
(f) Including 541 Deaths not detailed by Sex. (g) For six weeks only.

Chief points of difference between preceding statement and returns published later on in this Report.

Thirteen Births which occurred in 1895 have been added to figures previously published: of these 3 were European or White. Three Births happened in George District, 2 in Graaff-Reinet, and 1 each in Herbert, Komgha, Middelburg, Namaqualand, Peddie and Stutterheim, and 2 in Tembuland. The 1895 Death returns remain unaltered.

207 Births of 1896 were registered between the 15th April and 15th August, 1897--88 being of White children, and 101 Deaths, 14 being of Whites. 184 of the Births and 93 of the Deaths took place in the Colony Proper.

These events (births in particular) are well distributed over the Colony, thus:—

District.	No. of Births.	District.	No. of Births.	District.	No. of Births.	District.	No. of Births.
Aberdeen	2	Colesberg	3	King William's Tn	4	Robertson	13
Albany	13	Cradock	5	Knysna	3	Somerset East	5
Albert	2	East London	4	Komgha	4	Steynsburg	1
Alexandria	2	Fort Beaufort	4	Ladismith	2	Stockenström	1
Alival North	1	Fraserburg	3	Malmesbury	7	Stutterheim	1
Barkly West	7	George	3	Middelburg	1	Swellendam	4
Bathurst	3	Glen Grey	2	Mossel Bay	1	Tarka	1
Beaufort West	4	Graaff-Reinet	1	Murraysburg	1	Uitenhage	5
Bedford	1	Hanover	1	Namaqualand	3	Victoria West	2
Bredasdorp	1	Hay	4	Oudtshoorn	2	Willowmore	4
Calvinia	6	Herbert	2	Peddie	5	Wodehouse	3
Cape Town	1	Herschel	2	Philipstown	1	Worcester	1
Cape	3	Hopetown	1	Piquetberg	8		
Wynberg	2	Kenhardt	2	Prince Albert	1		
Carnarvon	5	Kimberley	2	Queenstown	2		
							184

57 (All Coloured Cases) of the 93 Deaths supervened in Barkly West District; 9 in Bathurst; 3 in Calvinia; 2 each in Alexandria, Alival North, Carnarvon, Peddie, Robertson; 1 each in Albany, Albert, Clanwilliam, Cradock, Graaff-Reinet, Hay, Herbert, Malmesbury, Paarl, Piquetberg, Somerset East, Uitenhage, Victoria West and Wodehouse.

USES OF REGISTRATION.

The 28th Annual Registration Report of Michigan, U.S.A., states briefly six of the leading uses of vital statistics, and we cannot do better than preface this Report on Cape events with the admirable exposition given in the American Publication, thus:—

1. "Registration affords an invaluable personal record of the principal events in the life of each individual for all legal and genealogical purposes."
2. "It affords a 'first line of defence' against certain crimes, especially those perpetrated upon children at the defenceless ages and upon women."
3. "It gives information of the presence of dangerous communicable diseases in time to restrict them in many cases."
4. "It affords information as to the unsanitary condition of localities, thereby suggesting sanitary investigation and the removal of causes of sickness. It enables the conditions of the public health in different parts of the same state or in different states and countries to be compared, and specifies the diseases most prevalent in different places. Vital statistics are the handmaid of sanitary science."
5. "Vital statistics present important data as to the social condition of communities, such as the frequency and fecundity of marriage, the prevalence of divorce, and variations in the rate of natural increase."
6. "The importance of vital statistics as an element of the movement of population can scarcely be overestimated. Census enumerations present the population of a state or country at a definite time, but, unless taken at unusually frequent intervals, show nothing of the process of growth in itself."

POPULATION.

The number of persons in the Cape Colony, excluding British Bechuanaland and Pondoland, but including the Transkei, may be taken to have been 1,821,551 on the 31st December, 1896, and in the Colony Proper, 1,166,115. Pondoland is not subject to the provisions of the Births and Deaths Act, and of Bechuanaland only a partial Census was taken, the native population living in reserves being estimated.

IMMIGRATION AND EMIGRATION.

According to the published Customs Returns, the excess of arrivals by sea of passengers—not military and naval—over departures, between the first January, 1891 (the Census year) and the 31st of December, 1896, was equivalent to 59,896 adults, practically all Europeans.

PASSENGERS BY RAIL.

On pp. i. and ii. of the Preliminary Report 1896, the detailed figures supplied by the Railway Department are shown. The main results may be recapitulated as follows:—

	European or White.				Coloured Total.
	Infants.	Under 12.	Adults.	Total.	
Proceeding to Cape Colony 1896, via Norval's Pont Railway Station	2094	4224	38203	44521	6255
Mafeking (revised)	47	127	12992	13166	6010
	2141	4351	51195	57687	12265
Proceeding from Cape Colony 1896, via Norval's Pont Railway Station	2104	4588	45258	51950	8395
Mafeking (revised)	29	115	9802	9946	4432
	2133	4703	55060	61896	12827

It follows therefore that 4,209 more Europeans left the Cape Colony in one year by the Railway Systems passing Norval's Pont and Mafeking, than entered it in the same manner.

REVENUE.

The total revenue collected in 1896 was £102 14s. 0d. against £64 10s. 6d. in 1895. It may be mentioned moreover that £42 3s. 0d. was paid in 1896 on account of certified copies of Marriage Registers.

FEEs.

The fee for alteration or assignment of a child's christian name is 2s. 6d.; for a search 1s. for each year or part of a year; for a certificate 5s. (If the certificate is authenticated by the Under Colonial Secretary an extra fee of 15s. is payable). For Marriage certificates the charges are—for a particular search 2s.; for a general search 4s.; for a certificate 15s.

EXPENDITURE.

In the financial year ended 30th June, 1897, expenditure amounting to £3,752 (including arrear claims) was brought to account compared with £2,444 in 1895-96. The payments on account of printing and stationery were £150, against £622 in the previous financial year.

RACE DISTINCTION.

The general instructions to the Public require that the following main race distinctions should be observed, viz.: (1) European or White, (2) Malay, (3) Hottentot, (4) Fingo, (5) Kafir and Betchuana, (6) Mixed and Other, and it is possible that the determination of race is fairly correct except perhaps occasionally as regards "Hottentots." Quoting freely from the Report (1891) of the Census Director it may be stated that the *European or White* population consists of the descendants of the original Dutch Colonists and French Refugees and of the immigrants, chiefly of British and other Teutonic races, who more recently entered the Colony. The *Malay* class, consisting of only 13,907 souls at the Census date, owes its distinctive existence rather to the bond of a common and uniform faith than to any feeling of race. As its name implies it is of Asiatic origin. *Hottentots*—the name given to the aboriginal natives with whom the Dutch pioneers first came into contact—include a sprinkling of Korannas and Bushmen. But it will no doubt be found that the term "Hottentot" is used as synonymous with "mixed." The number of pure bred Hottentots can be but small. The *Fingoes* form part of the Bantu family, but were separately considered in the Census tables in consequence of the peculiar relations in which by force of circumstances they stand to the Colony and of their progress in civilization. *Kafirs and Betchuanas* include—taking them in order of numerical importance—Amaxosa, Tembu, Basuto, Pandomise, Baca, Betchuana and other similar tribes. *Mixed and Other Coloured Races* include the great and increasing population which has sprung from the intercourse of the Colonists with the indigenous races, and Indians, Chinese, Mozambiques, Griquas, &c. They also comprise children born of parents belonging to *different* elements of five of the main races. The fusion of Fingoes (a commercial peaceful people) with the warlike Kafirs and Betchuanas is proceeding more rapidly than might have been expected, and it has been often found convenient for statistical purposes to group these Races.

Mr. Cleverly (the D.R. of Walfish Bay District), in a special report dated the 30th July, 1897, points out that the District under his charge occupies an unique position amongst the group of Colonial Dependencies as regards its population, as well as in some other respects. Here (he says) we have "to deal with a for the most part pure Hottentot (Namaqua) Race, differing from that called by the same name south of the Orange River. Here the difference of the clans is well marked and the old tribal distinctions are observed. It naturally occurs to me that the vital statistics of these people if kept distinct from those of the impure breeds loosely called 'Hottentots' in the Colony Proper would be of great and abiding interest. The Namaqua Races are certainly dying out. Will the fraction here living under Colonial Law show the same fate? linger on as a strange survival of the fittest or merge in a Mixed Race?"

NOTE BY REGISTRAR.—The returns for Walfish Bay and for every District are separately tabulated. The D.R. brings forward a good argument in favour of an attempt to get full statistics on B.D. 1 and 2 regarding Births and Deaths in his District.

The proportion of each race to the total population of the Colony in 1891 was as follows:—European, 24·68; Malay, 0·91; Hottentot, 3·30; Fingo, 15·04; Kafir and Betchuana, 39·84; Mixed and Other, 16·23.

PROPORTION OF THE SEXES, 1891.

It was established by the Census figures that to every hundred males alive on the 7th April, 1891, there were 99·03 females. When, however, the Races are considered separately, conspicuous variations are noticeable, thus the proportion for Hottentots was 91·97 for every 100 males; for Europeans, 92·38; for Kafir, 98·43; for Mixed and Other, 101·13; for Malay, 107·17, and for Fingo, 111·56. In the District of Kimberley the employment of a large male population in the Diamond Mining industry accounts for the low proportion of females, viz., 56·82 in 1891. This cause still operates to render so striking the present disproportion between Births and Deaths at Kimberley and Beaconsfield.

PROPORTION OF THE SEXES, 1896.

It appears to be the general rule in European countries for male births to *exceed* the female. An exception will be noticed in this Colony as regards most of the *Native* races.

Taking the figures for the Colony Proper for 1896, we can derive the following percentages, viz.:—

Race.	To each 100 girls.	To each 100 boys.	Race.	To each 100 girls.	To each 100 boys.
European	102·37	97·69	Malay	102·54	97·52
Hottentot	104·16	96·01	Mixed and Other	104·31	95·87
Fingo, Kafir and Betchuana	99·65	100·35	All Races	102·15	97·90
			Other than European	102·02	98·02

Placing the figures above quoted alongside of those given in the Census Table, the following interesting comparison attracts attention, viz.:—

Race.	Females alive 7th April, '91, to every 100 males.	Females born in 1896, to every 100 males.
Hottentot	91·97	96·01
European	92·38	97·69
Fingo, Kafir and Betchuana	101·86	100·35
Mixed and Other	101·13	95·87
Malay	107·17	97·52

A comparison of the Census Results for 1891 and 1875 as regards the Old Colony, *i.e.*, excluding Griqualand West and the Transkeian Territories, proves that the number of Females to every 100 males of each race (except in the instance of the Malays) has increased 2½ per cent. for Europeans, Fingoes, Mixed and Other, including Hottentots, and ½ per cent. for Kafirs and Betchuanas.

BIRTHS.

GENERAL COMPARATIVE SUMMARY. COLONY PROPER 1895 AND 1896, WITH PROPORTIONS.

Events having been extracted to 15th April 1897, the grand total of (a) Births for 1895 computes to 46,166 and for 1896 to 50,116: the Bechuanaland returns for the earlier year however only include Births for 6 weeks. The figures for Walfish Bay are small, only 20 and 20 respectively, while for the combined Transkeian Territories they are 8,229 and 10,873. For purposes of comparison it is expedient to restrict attention to the Colony Proper, although even then in some of the areas like Glen Grey carrying an overwhelming Kafir, Fingo and Betchuana population, birth reports owing to the strong prejudices of the people are manifestly imperfect. The figures are:—

Sex and Year.	White.	Malay.	Hottentot.	Fingo, Kafir and Betchuana.	Mixed and Other.	Total other than White.	Total.
M. 1895	7423	278	1328	5403	4746	11755	19178
M. 1896	7051	282	1577	5765	4693	12317	19368
F. 1895	6944	285	1280	5473	4682	11720	18664
F. 1896	6888	275	1514	5785	4499	12073	18961

The undermentioned percentage proportions are calculated on these figures, viz.:—

Sex and Year.	White.	Malay.	Hottentot.	Fingo, Kafir and Betchuana.	Mixed and Other.	Total other than White.	Total.
M. 1895	38·71	1·45	6·92	28·17	24·75	61·29	100·00
M. 1896	36·41	1·45	8·14	29·77	24·23	63·59	100·00
F. 1895	37·20	1·53	6·86	29·32	25·09	62·80	100·00
F. 1896	36·33	1·45	7·98	30·51	23·73	63·67	100·00

In 1895 the estimated population of the Colony Proper was 1,142,965: in 1896 it would be 1,166,115. The Birthrate per 1,000 would therefore work out to 33·11 in 1895 and 32·87 in 1896. The expected White population in 1895 was supposed to be 400,038 and 408,140 in 1896, it follows thereupon that the European Birthrate was 35·91 and 34·15 per 1,000 respectively.

Birth rates for European Countries and Australasian Colonies may be quoted from the late Mr. Hayter's Victorian Year Book as follows:—

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. 1892, per 1,000 of population, Austria 36·2; Italy 36·3; Prussia 36·3; German Empire 35·7; Holland 32·0; England and Wales 30·5; Scotland 30·7; Norway 29·6; United Kingdom 29·5; Belgium 28·9; Switzerland 28·0; Ireland 22·4; France 22·1.

AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES. 1865 to 1893, per 1,000 of population: Queensland, 39·22; New South Wales, 38·20; South Australia, 37·37; New Zealand, 37·29; Western Australia (19 years), 34·34; Victoria, 34·25; Tasmania, 32·22. The corresponding figures for 1893 are: Western Australia 33·79; Tasmania, 33·92; Queensland, 33·73; New South Wales, 33·23; South Australia, 31·76; Victoria, 31·23; New Zealand, 27·50.

CITIES AND CHIEF TOWNS, 1895 AND 1896.

Taking with Cape Town the most important uncountrv centres of population, the places assume the following order as regards the total number of Births which had occurred, and had so far been registered:—

	1895	1896		1895	1896
Cape Town	2349	2393	Uitenhage	317	303
Port Elizabeth	1064	1119	Worcester	244	286
Kimberley	778	746	Graaff-Reinet	280	269
Graham's Town	421	418	Oudtshoorn	266	263
Paarl	359	384	King William's Town	245	253
East London	346	357	Queenstown	216	246

(a) Births which occurred in 1895 are still being registered [Sept. '97].

If attention be paid to European Births by themselves, the results will be seen to be in several cases unsatisfactory. But it should be remembered there is still opportunity for further late Reports of 1896 to come in.

TOWNS.	M.		F.		TOWNS.	M.		F.	
	1895	1896	1895	1896		1895	1896	1895	1896
Port Elizabeth	258	251	227	233	Worcester	40	28	31	43
Kimberley	226	216	215	168	Graaff-Reinet	58	60	68	68
Grahamstown	116	98	121	106	Oudtshoorn	59	59	59	50
Paarl	71	52	53	59	King William's Town	88	82	92	95
East London	124	119	130	111	Queenstown	59	53	66	62

VARIATIONS IN NUMBERS: PROBABLE CAUSES.

Despite the enquiries made, no conclusive reasons for the decreases in the number of Births registered in 1896 up to the 15th April, 1897, compared with the number recorded in 1895, and extracted to the same date, can be presented in this Report.

It is very noticeable, however, when the districts are arranged in geographical and climatic order that the diminutions are conspicuous in neighbouring areas, and are not sporadic.

Starting from the Orange River, and classing Namaqualand as "Karoo" as it essentially is, and coming S. and S.W. we do not observe any noticeable falling off in the aggregate until Stellenbosch is reached. Going eastwards along the Coast (skipping Caledon and Bredasdorp where increases show) the following districts take an unmistakably regular order—Swellendam, Riversdale, Mossel Bay, Uniondale, Humansdorp, Uitenhage, Alexandria, Bathurst, Albany, Komgha, while Victoria East and Stockenstrom (further away from the coast) follow on. Unexpected decreases are apparent in the following divisions lying 4,000 ft. and more above the sealevel, viz.: Queenstown, Steynsburg, Albert and Barkly East. The intense drought which has lasted for months in the "Karoo" has distinctly retarded registration, farmers with their families, servants and livestock having removed to more favourable localities or being constantly on the move. These districts were badly effected, viz.: Namaqualand, Carnarvon, Fraserburg, Kenhardt, Prieska and Hope Town, but Ladismith, Jansenville, Middelburg, Graaff-Reinet and Murraysburg (which did not escape the heat and short water supply) bear in their statements the impress of the effect of the seasons. The prevalence of "Rinderpest," and the consequent restrictions on locomotion of natives, account in great measure for the shortfall of Birth reports in Barkly West, Hay and Herbert districts.

With the several districts of the Colony Proper arranged according to climate, the risings or fallings in the number of Births can be readily traced in the subjoined abstract.

DISTRICT.	1896 on 1895.		1896 on 1895.		DISTRICT.	1896 on 1895.		1896 on 1895.	
	European or White.		Total.			European or White.		Total.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.		Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
WEST COAST DISTRICTS.					SOUTH COAST—Continued.				
Namaqualand	12	..	124	Riversdale .. .. .	..	35	..	33
Port Nolloth	11	..	16	Mossel Bay .. .. .	..	7	..	16
Van Rhyndorp	5	..	7	George .. .. .	..	2	..	13
Clanwilliam	31	..	32	Knysna .. .. .	..	5	..	16
Piquetberg	7	..	20	Uniondale .. .. .	..	5	..	40
Malmesbury	29	..	4	Humansdorp .. .. .	..	29	..	72
Cape	105	..	224	Uitenhage .. .. .	..	41	..	97
Stellenbosch	3	..	10	Port Elizabeth .. .. .	..	7	..	63
Paarl	16	..	43	Alexandria .. .. .	..	28	..	37
Tulbagh	8	..	9	Bathurst .. .. .	..	5	..	48
Ceres	3	..	9	Albany .. .. .	..	43	..	138
Worcester	18	..	52	Peddie .. .. .	..	3	..	42
Robertson	13	..	25	East London .. .. .	..	47	..	93
Total	180	81	437	138	Komgha .. .. .	..	8	..	19
SOUTH COAST.					King William's Town .. .. .	..	7	..	595
Caledon	7	..	2	Victoria East .. .. .	..	1	..	49
Bredasdorp	23	..	35	Stockenstrom .. .. .	..	12	..	17
Swellendam	6	..	30	Fort Beaufort .. .. .	..	7	..	55
					Bedford .. .. .	..	6	..	55
					Somerset East .. .. .	..	1	..	3
					Total	54	281	972	596

DISTRICT.	1896 on 1895.		1896 on 1895.		DISTRICT.	1896 on 1895.		1896 on 1895.	
	European or White.		Total.			European or White.		Total.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.		Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
BORDER.					INLAND.—Continued.				
Stutterheim	6	..	16	..	Fraserburg .. .. .	..	14	..	26
Cathcart .. .. .	..	10	32	..	Carnarvon .. .. .	..	27	..	33
Queenstown .. .. .	..	53	..	29	Prieska .. .. .	..	37	..	52
Tarka .. .. .	..	7	6	..	Sutherland .. .. .	..	9	4	..
Craddock	5	..	25	..	Beaufort West .. .. .	..	1	16	..
Steynsburg .. .. .	..	16	..	17	Victoria West .. .. .	..	17	..	13
Albert .. .. .	..	63	..	35	Prince Albert .. .. .	..	7	..	30
Aliwal North .. .. .	..	16	4	..	Murraysburg .. .. .	..	4	..	8
Herschel (Native)	1	..	29	..	Aberdeen .. .. .	..	4	..	37
Barkly East .. .. .	..	25	..	51	Jansenville .. .. .	..	1	..	17
Wodehouse	23	..	58	..	Graaff-Reinet .. .. .	..	8	..	62
Glen Grey (Native) .. .. .	..	7	..	210	Middelburg .. .. .	..	7	..	7
					Richmond .. .. .	..	4	..	..
Total	35	197	170	342	Hanover .. .. .	..	..	..	40
INLAND.					Colesberg .. .. .	..	10	..	63
Ladismith	10	..	..	23	Britstown .. .. .	..	12	..	..
Oudtshoorn	50	..	79	..	Philipstown .. .. .	..	23	..	24
Willowmore .. .. .	..	8	30	..	Hopetown .. .. .	..	5	..	3
Kenhardt .. .. .	..	25	..	36	Herbert .. .. .	..	31	..	45
Calvinia	34	..	54	..	Kimberley .. .. .	..	69	..	24
					Barkly West .. .. .	..	27	..	34
					Hay .. .. .	..	56	..	84
					Total	181	319	414	430
					GRAND TOTAL	450	878	1993	1506

The special Reports of the Deputy Registrars on this subject may be thus summarised:—

NAMAQUALAND. The distress which has been occasioned through the long continued drought has brought the people to such an impoverished state that their fecundity has been affected. From the commencement of 1896 numbers of people have emigrated (with or without Government aid); during the twelve months some 600 or 700 have so left. The poverty which has prevailed has been the indirect cause of numerous deaths.

STELLENBOSCH, MOSSSEL BAY, UNIONDALE, ALEXANDRIA, BATHURST, VICTORIA EAST, QUEENSTOWN, STEYNSBURG, ALBERT, BARKLY EAST and LADISMITH. These Deputy Registrars are unable to satisfactorily explain the reason for the decrease in Births. (See Registrar's note however which applies to all except Stellenbosch, Malmesbury and Ladismith).

SWELLENBAM. A considerable number of coloured males have left the district in search of work.

RIVERSDALE. The Deputy Registrar has been to the trouble of obtaining from the Churches particulars regarding baptisms, and it turns out that the decrease in baptisms exactly equals the falling off in Births. He further reports that a considerable number of family-bearing people have left the district.

HUMANSDORP. The Deputy Registrar is not aware of any exodus, and fears that the poorer classes in remote localities do not report punctually.

ALBANY. Medical men and monthly nurses have noticed a decided decrease of Births amongst Europeans. Withdrawal in latter part of 1896 of Cape Police has affected registrations.

KOMGHA. The natives are continually moving about from place to place in search of work, and while so roaming about send their wives and families into the Transkeian Territories where Births occur.

STOCKENSTROM. The Minister of the Dutch Reformed Church writing, after an experience of 22 years, states that he does not consider the people lax in reporting Births, and that his baptismal records show considerable fluctuations.

KENHARDT. The decrease is solely attributable to the prolonged drought, which has caused many farmers to "trek" to other parts of the Colony. If those that remained have not lost all their cattle, the animals are so poor in condition as to render travelling an impossibility.

CARNARVON, FRASERBURG, PRIESKA, BRITSTOWN (E). The decrease owing to severe drought. (See Kenhardt Report).

SUTHERLAND. At least 50 white persons (most of them married) have left this district recently and settled in Paarl and other places.

GRAAFF-REINET. The rural decrease due to the temporary withdrawal on special duty of the Cape Police.

COLESBERG (E). There has been a large exodus from this district to the Transvaal and Rhodesia.

HERBERT. The population is scattered, and natives, owing to the restrictions imposed by Rinderpest regulations, have not been able to move about freely and report.

HAY. The temporary withdrawal of the police, and the stringent Rinderpest regulations preventing natives from moving about have caused a decrease in Reports.

BARKLY WEST. The A.D.R., who is also Inspector of Native Locations, reports that over 100 families left the locations in the early part of 1896.

NOTES BY REGISTRAR—1. The withdrawal towards the close of 1896 of large numbers of the Cape Police for Rinderpest duty could not fail to operate in all the districts in which they had been previously employed (and wherein they materially assisted in carrying out the provisions of the Births and Deaths Act) in the direction of reducing the number of Reports especially in the country.
2. In *Bechuanaland* unprecedented difficulties have been experienced, and except in Gordonias, where the circumstances of the people are favourable, and the Municipalities of Vryburg and Mafeking, but little in the registration line could be attempted. Even now (Sept., 1897), the Secretary to the Law Department writes—"It would be practically impossible for the police in Bechuanaland to give any attention whatever, even in the very smallest degree, to the registration of Births and Deaths."

URBAN AND RURAL CASES, 1895 AND 1896.

Not only are Municipalities treated as Urban areas, but localities under the operation of the Villages Management Act and regions specially proclaimed to be Urban.

In the Colony Proper there had been (as far as registered up to the 15th April, 1897), 14,932 Urban Births and 22,907 Rural in 1895, and Urban 15,513 and Rural 22,814 in 1896. For the White and Coloured Races and for the two Sexes the comparative figures are as follows:—

Year.	White.				Coloured.				Total.			
	Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1895	3588	3382	3833	3561	4045	3917	7710	7803	7633	7299	11543	11364
1896	3445	3398	3605	3489	4391	4279	7926	7794	7836	7677	11531	11283

and they give the understated percentage proportions:—

1895	9.48	8.94	10.13	9.41	10.69	10.35	20.38	20.62	20.17	19.29	30.51	30.03
1896	8.99	8.87	9.41	9.10	11.45	11.16	20.68	20.34	20.44	20.03	30.09	29.44

As a similar statement has been abstracted in regard to the Deaths which occurred in and outside the Cities and Towns we are enabled to make an interesting comparison, thus:—

Year.	Births.					Deaths.				
	Urban.		Rural.		Both.	Urban.		Rural.		Both.
	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	
1895	7633	7299	11543	11364	37839	6439	5635	6608	6191	24873
Percentage ..	20.17	19.29	30.51	30.03	100.00	25.89	22.65	26.57	24.89	100.00
1896	7836	7677	11531	11283	38327	7196	5914	6621	6215	25946
Percentage ..	20.44	20.03	30.09	29.44	100.00	27.73	22.81	25.52	23.94	100.00

It thus appears that in *Urban Areas*, the Births of Male White children have decreased 143, while the Deaths have increased 154 in the interval, and the Female White Births are 16 over and Deaths 49 under the numbers for 1895, again the Coloured Births are 708 and Deaths 931 in excess of the corresponding figures for the previous year.

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS.

The total number of births of *European or White* infants was 14,616, comprising 7,412 males and 7,204 females; of these 310 were illegitimate, 149 being male and 161 of the female sex. It follows, therefore, that the percentage of illegitimate to total births was 2.12; to male 2.01 and to female 2.24. By way of comparison, the following figures taken from the Victorian Year Book for 1894 are given.

VARIOUS COUNTRIES. Illegitimate births to every 100 children born: Austria, 14.7; Sweden, 10.2; Denmark, 9.6; German Empire, 9.3; Belgium, 8.7; Scotland, 8.2; Norway, 8.1; France, 8.1; Prussia, 8.1; Italy, 6.8; England, 4.7; Switzerland, 4.6; Ireland, 2.8; New South Wales, 4.6; Victoria, 4.6; West Australia, 4.2; Queensland, 4.2; Tasmania, 4.0; New Zealand, 2.8; South Australia, 2.6.

Before discussing the subject of percentages obtained from the figures published on later pages, it is worth while to advert to the difficult question of marriage by *Native Custom*. The Chief Justice, in deciding on the appeal case of *Nggobela vs. Sihole*, heard in the Supreme Court, December, 1893, delivered an elaborate judgment, from which the following items of information are taken. Act No. 16 of 1860 provides for the appointment of Marriage Officers for solemnising the marriages of persons professing the Mohammedan faith according to the Mohammedan customs and usages, but not for marriages according to Native customs, and a union therefore founded only upon native usage and custom within the Colony proper is not a marriage, and Courts of Law are bound to treat the intercourse as illicit. Any marriage which would be regarded as valid in any of the dependencies of the Colony must be regarded as valid in the Colony, although Colonial solemnities have not been observed (and this is important) if it is not opposed to the essential nature of the contract as understood in the Colony. The Court held the effect of Proclamation No. 14 of 1885 is to dispense with the solemnities required by the laws of the Colony proper in the case of natives electing to marry in Tembuland (it was a case originating there that was before the Court) according to their own customs. If they register the marriage it has the same effect as marriage contracted under Colonial law; if they do not register it remains valid, but its effect must be judged by the native custom of the territory. The Supreme Court can only administer the law of the Colony, but for that purpose it may become necessary to give effect to the laws of other countries and dependencies so far as they affect the validity of any contract entered into by the parties to the suit, &c.

From the foregoing considerations it will be evident that from the information obtainable from the general run of natives, it is impossible to state for certain how many births are legitimate or natural. In the Registration Books specially framed for use in Native Locations no enquiry was made as to date or place of marriage, and under the numerical system the sole question asked is whether the infant is a boy or girl. The returns of Fingo and Kafir births have been tabulated under three headings, Legitimate Cases, Native Custom, Illegitimate, but such an arrangement can only be viewed as a temporary expedient. When the difficulties of deciding the validity of certain native marriages in the Transkeian Territories are so great as to necessitate appeals to the Supreme Court to settle the moot points, this Department must reasonably be excused from tabulating decisively births the result of Native marriages as to which there is no evidence to prove the domicile of the parties at the time of the union.

It would be futile to investigate any proportion where such uncertainty exists.

Births of children belonging to the *Mixed, Other and Hottentot Races with Malays* amounted in 1896 in the *Colony Proper* only to 12,840 in all, 6,552 being boys and 6,288 girls: of these events 3,938 were illegitimate, consisting of 2,004 males and 1,934 females, giving the following percentage proportions, viz.:—

Illegitimate births to total Mixed and Other births (Colony Proper only) ..	30.67
Male illeg. do do M. births	30.59
Female illeg. do do F. births	30.76

In *Trinidad* the percentage of illegitimacy for *Coolie* births was 80.30 (Registrar-General's Report for 1891).

DEATHS.

GENERAL COMPARATIVE SUMMARY.—COLONY PROPER, 1895 AND 1896—WITH PROPORTIONS.

Adding to the deaths registered in 1895, the events of that year subsequently recorded up to the 15th April, 1897, a grand total of 31,579 cases is arrived at. Similar figures for 1896 are stated to be 32,834, but it has to be remembered that for Bechuanaland returns were rendered in respect to 1895 for only 6 weeks, the annexation of that Territory to the Colony having taken place on the 15th November, 1895. The figures for Walfish Bay are insignificant—10 and 9 deaths for the two years—while those for the Transkeian Territories, 3,622 and 6,159 for 1895 and 1896, are unavoidably imperfect, consequently it is advisable to compare simply the Colony Proper occurrences. This may be done as follows:—

Sex and Year.	White.	Malay.	Hottentot.	Fingo, Kafir and Betchuana.	Mixed and Other.	Total other than White.	Total.
M. 1895	3537	296	1172	4626	3445	9539	13076
M. 1896	3759	192	1428	4962	3525	10107	13866
F. 1895	2982	270	1185	4018	3374	8847	11829
F. 1896	2990	229	1377	4228	3310	9144	12134

From the above data, the following percentages are derived, namely:—

M. 1895	27.05	2.26	8.96	35.38	26.35	72.95	100.00
M. 1896	27.11	1.38	10.30	35.79	25.42	72.89	100.00
F. 1895	25.21	2.28	10.02	33.97	28.52	74.79	100.00
F. 1896	24.64	1.89	11.35	34.84	27.28	75.36	100.00

The estimated population of the Colony Proper was 1,142,965 in 1895, and 1,166,115 in 1896. On these and the above data the death rates are 21.79 and 22.30 per 1,000, respectively. Again, the assumed white population in 1895 was 400,038 and 408,140 in 1896, giving a European death rate of 16.29 and 16.54 per 1,000.

The European death rates for the undermentioned countries have been taken from the Victorian Year Book for 1894.

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. 1892, per 1,000 of population, Austria 28.8; Italy 26.2; German Empire 24.1; Prussia 23.4; France 22.6; Holland 21.0; Belgium 21.8; Ireland 19.4; Switzerland 19.3; England and Wales 19.0; United Kingdom 19.0; Scotland 18.5; Norway 17.7.

AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES. 1865 to 1893, per 1,000 of population, Queensland 17.16; W. Australia (19 years) 16.06; Victoria 15.57; Tasmania 15.23; N. S. Wales 15.17; S. Australia 14.32; New Zealand 11.48. For 1893 alone the corresponding figures are:—W. Australia 15.12; Victoria 14.11; Tasmania 13.47; S. Australia 13.44; Queensland 13.34; N. S. Wales 13.25; New Zealand 10.23.

CHIEF TOWNS, 1895 AND 1896.

After the non-resident hospital cases have been deducted from the total number of Deaths that happened in eight of the most important centres of population, it is found that the following comparative results show themselves, namely:—

Town.	DEATHS.		Town.	DEATHS.	
	1895	1896		1895	1896
Cape Town ..	2120	1672	Paarl ..	284	285
Port Elizabeth ..	785	1183	Uitenhage ..	245	268
Kimberley ..	903	870	Queenstown ..	188	198
Graham's Town ..	386	455	Worcester ..	274	192
Graaff-Reinet ..	242	346	East London ..	185	174
Oudtshoorn ..	183	298	King William's Town	148	158

At Port Elizabeth and Graaff-Reinet the Coloured Races suffered far more in 1896 than the European: at Graham's Town the increase is nearly equally distributed as regards Race, but is confined to the Male Sex.

(In the footnote on page 3 Deaths the figures "1895 and 1896" have been reversed.)

VARIATIONS IN NUMBERS: PROBABLE CAUSES.

Considerable variations in the numbers of deaths registered in each year in the different districts are noticeable, thus for example:—

District.	1895	1896	Probable Explanation.
Aberdeen ..	117	195	Greater amount of sickness and better system of reporting.
Barkly West ..	530	370	Inspector of Locations reports large exodus (100 families) early in 1896.
Beaufort West ..	224	327	Greater amount of sickness.
Bathurst ..	279	181	Cessation of Whooping Cough epidemic.
Colesberg ..	123	219	Greater amount of sickness.
Fort Beaufort ..	236	350	
Graaff-Reinet ..	405	527	Unwillingness of Natives to report.
Glen Grey ..	527	393	
King William's Town	1844	2010	Energetic measures of D. R. to induce Natives to report.
Komgha ..	204	112	Cessation of Whooping Cough epidemic.
Oudtshoorn ..	510	779	Greater prevalence of sickness.
Peddie ..	480	335	Cessation of Whooping Cough epidemic.
Port Elizabeth ..	872	1257	Greater prevalence of sickness amongst the Coloured people.
Prince Albert ..	148	246	More sickness and better system of reporting.
Piquetberg ..	204	322	
Victoria East ..	267	414	Greater amount of sickness amongst Natives and better system of reporting.
Willowmore ..	169	262	More sickness.

Owing to the subsidence in 1896 of the epidemics of Whooping Cough, Measles and Influenza, the number of fatal cases of illness fell off in Cape, Paarl and Stellenbosch Divisions. In the adjoining districts of Worcester, Robertson and Caledon, Whooping Cough had retained its hold but Measles was not so prevalent. In all these areas deaths were fewer in number than in 1895.

Several Magistrates in East Griqualand allude to the influenza epidemics of 1895, and the comparative healthiness of the succeeding year.

The Magistrates of Tembuland and Transkei, when asked, assign a similar reason for the decrease in the number of deaths. The native people as a rule are not more unwilling to report than they have been, but naturally there is ample scope for improvement in this respect.

URBAN AND RURAL CASES, 1895 AND 1896.

For the purposes of the Act No. 7 of 1894, areas under Municipal and Village Board control, as well as certain specially so proclaimed, are termed and treated as "Urban." Confining attention to the Colony Proper alone, it will be seen that there were 12,074 Urban Deaths and 12,799 Rural in 1895, and 13,110 Urban and 12,836 Rural in 1896, and that the component items for the two Races and Sexes give the following results:—

Year.	White.				Coloured.				Total.			
	Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1895	2100	1759	1414	1220	4339	3876	5194	4971	6439	5635	6608	6191
1896	2254	1710	1465	1275	4942	4204	5156	4940	7196	5914	6621	6215

From these figures the subjoined percentages are derived:—

1895	8.44	7.07	5.69	4.90	17.45	15.58	20.88	19.99	25.89	22.65	26.57	24.89
1896	8.68	6.60	5.65	4.91	19.05	16.21	19.87	19.03	27.73	22.81	25.52	23.94

Napier became an Urban Area for the first time in April, 1896, and Hackney and some few adjoining hamlets in July: otherwise nothing transpired in the constitution of such localities to disturb the similarity of the departmental arrangements in the two years. The cause of the increase must be sought elsewhere.

AGES.—NUMBERS AND PERCENTAGES, 1895 AND 1896.

Of the 6,749 persons (European) who died in the Colony Proper in 1896 all but 9 are specified for age, while for the 19,251 Coloured people full particulars could not be obtained regarding 193.

European children under 5 years of age to the number of 3,316 died in 1896 compared with 3,083 in 1895, and Coloured children to the number of 10,594 and 10,257 respectively. While there is but a small difference between the number of Europeans over 5 years that passed away in the two years (3,424 and 3,421), the Coloured Deaths had increased from 7,732 to 8,464: this increment would probably not be so conspicuous if the exact ages of 397 persons who died in 1895 could be located.

The main results of the return may be stated as follows:—

Year	European.								Coloured.							
	Total.		Unspecified.		Over 5 Years.		Under 5 Years.		Total.		Unspecified.		Over 5 Years.		Under 5 Years.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1895	3537	2982	12	3	1878	1543	1647	1436	9539	8847	217	180	4148	3584	5174	5083
1896	3759	2990	9	..	1941	1483	1809	1507	10107	9144	102	91	4592	3872	5413	5181

or arranged by percentages, thus:—

1895	14.20	11.97	.05	.01	7.54	6.20	6.61	5.76	38.30	35.53	.87	.73	16.66	14.39	20.77	20.41
1896	14.46	11.50	.03	..	7.47	5.70	6.96	5.80	38.87	35.17	.39	.35	17.66	14.89	20.82	19.93

AGES OF DECEASED NATIVES.

The difficulties that were experienced (and in the main overcome) in connection with the arrangements made for taking the Census of 1891 in relation to Ages have beset with less chance of remedy Deputy Registrars in the Native Districts. The Assistant (Mr. C. A. King) at Keiskama Hoek, had been queried on this subject, and in reply made the following pertinent remarks—"The headmen state that they are unable to give even an approximate age, as many of the people that die are unknown to them. When it is considered that one headman may have several thousand people under him scattered over a large extent of country, it will be understood that it is impossible to give even approximate ages. . . . No native knows his age, and even with persons who have spent a lifetime amongst these people it is a tedious process, and an extremely difficult matter, to arrive at any approximate age. For instance a native of 30 or 40 years of age, if uncircumcised, would be called, and spoken of, as a boy, whilst a youth of 16 or 17 years, if circumcised, would be spoken of and recognised as a 'man.' Again, a native if aged in appearance or decrepid from physical infirmity, will be spoken of as an 'old man' or 'very old man,' he will be similarly called if his children have arrived at man or woman-hood."

For reasons like the above it has been deemed safest not to publish the detailed figures that have been collected regarding the ages of the deceased natives whose deaths have been reported under the more primitive native system.

CERTIFICATION, 1895 AND 1896.

Of the Deaths which occurred in 1896, 10,248 were certificated compared with 10,076 in the previous year, and 22,586 uncertified contrasted with 21,503 in 1895.

By far the largest number of reports from the native districts are unsupported by medical evidence. Hence it will be sufficient to draw attention to the Colony Proper figures, which may be summarised as follows:—

Year and Race.	Certified Cases.								Uncertified Cases.							
	Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecified.		Total.		Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecified.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1895 { E	945	864	1259	921	10	1	2214	1786	702	572	619	622	2	2	1323	1196
1895 { C	1506	1501	1712	1095	89	34	3307	2630	3668	3582	2436	2489	128	145	6232	6217
1896 { E	998	776	1330	924	6	..	2334	1700	811	731	611	559	3	..	1425	1290
1896 { C	1455	1298	1957	1215	28	7	3440	2520	3958	3883	2635	2657	74	84	6667	6624

These results may be represented from another point of view, thus:—

1895 { E	14.50	13.25	19.31	14.13	.15	.02	33.96	27.40	10.77	8.78	9.49	9.54	.03	.03	20.29	18.35
1895 { C	8.19	8.16	9.31	5.96	.49	.18	17.99	14.30	19.95	19.48	13.25	13.54	.70	.79	33.90	33.81
1896 { E	14.79	11.50	19.71	13.69	.09	..	34.59	25.19	12.02	10.83	9.05	8.28	.04	..	21.11	19.11
1896 { C	7.56	6.74	10.17	6.31	.14	.04	17.87	13.09	20.56	20.17	13.69	13.80	.38	.44	34.63	34.41

CAUSES OF DEATHS.—CERTIFIED CASES ONLY: COLONY PROPER, 1895 AND 1896.

To sum up in as short a space as possible the main features of the table of the causes of death, the subjoined statement has been compiled:—

SUMMARY—arranged by Sub-Classes and Classes of Disease—of the number of Males and of Females, distinguishing European or White from Coloured Persons, whose deaths, happening in 1895 and 1896, had been registered up to the 15th April, 1897, with percentage proportion of European and of Coloured deaths of each Sub-Class and each Class to the total number of European and Coloured deaths, and the percentage proportion of the total deaths of each Sub-Class and Class to the total deaths registered.

Cause of Death—Class and Sub-Class.	M.	F.	Total Persons.	Percentage.	All Races.	Percentage.
CLASS I.—Diseases due to Specific Organisms.						
Sub-Class I.—Zymotic Diseases ..	1895 { E 766	669	1435	35.87	..	..
	1895 { C 1304	1252	2556	43.05	3991	40.16
	1896 { E 830	628	1458	36.14	..	..
	1896 { C 1294	1082	2376	39.86	3834	38.36
Sub-Class II.—Parasitic Diseases ..	1895 { E 10	2	12	.30	..	..
	1895 { C 8	9	17	.29	29	.29
	1896 { E 2	4	6	.15	..	..
	1896 { C 6	7	13	.22	19	.19
TOTAL, CLASS I ..	1895 { E 776	671	1447	36.17	..	..
	1895 { C 1312	1261	2573	43.34	4020	40.45
	1896 { E 832	632	1464	36.29	..	..
	1896 { C 1309	1089	2398	40.08	3853	38.55
Class II.—Dietetic Diseases and Chronic Poisons	1895 { E 29	16	45	1.12	..	..
	1895 { C 41	14	55	.93	100	1.01
	1896 { E 46	10	56	1.39	..	..
	1896 { C 42	16	58	.97	114	1.14
Class III.—Constitutional Diseases ..	1895 { E 79	71	150	3.75	..	..
	1895 { C 46	31	77	1.30	227	2.29
	1896 { E 100	79	179	4.44	..	..
	1896 { C 62	52	114	1.91	293	2.93
Class IV.—Developmental Defects and Degeneration	1895 { E 160	128	288	7.20	..	..
	1895 { C 132	122	254	4.28	542	5.45
	1896 { E 142	123	265	6.57	..	..
	1896 { C 149	121	270	4.58	535	5.36

CAUSES OF DEATHS—CERTIFIED CASES ONLY: COLONY PROPER.—Continued.

Cause of Death—Class and Sub-Class.	M.	F.	Total Persons.	Percentage.	All Races.	Percentage.
CLASS V.—Local Diseases.						
Sub-Class I.—Diseases of Nervous System	1895 { E 175	169	344	8.60	..	..
	1895 { C 248	202	450	7.58	794	8.00
	1896 { E 175	196	371	6.97	..	..
	1896 { C 238	159	397	6.66	678	6.78
Sub-Class II.—Diseases of the Organs of Special Sense	1895 { E 4	2	6	.15	..	..
	1895 { C 4	3	7	.12	13	.13
	1896 { E 2	1	3	.07	..	..
	1896 { C 2	3	5	.08	8	.08
Sub-Class III.—Diseases of Circulatory System	1895 { E 226	161	387	9.67	..	..
	1895 { C 166	170	336	5.66	723	7.28
	1896 { E 222	186	408	10.11	..	..
	1896 { C 219	168	387	6.50	795	7.96
Sub-Class IV.—Diseases of the Respiratory System	1895 { E 292	224	516	12.90	..	..
	1895 { C 757	457	1214	20.45	1730	17.41
	1896 { E 274	184	458	11.35	..	..
	1896 { C 708	481	1189	19.95	1647	16.48
Sub-Class V.—Diseases of Alimentary Canal.*	1895 { E 151	145	296	7.40	..	..
	1895 { C 135	107	242	4.08	538	5.41
	1896 { E 240	209	449	11.13	..	..
	1896 { C 285	211	496	8.32	945	9.46
Sub-Class VI.—Diseases of the Liver ..	1895 { E 41	18	59	1.47	..	..
	1895 { C 21	12	33	.55	92	.93
	1896 { E 42	26	68	1.69	..	..
	1896 { C 30	16	46	.77	114	1.14
Sub-Class VII.—Diseases of Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands	1895 { E 3	9	12	.30	..	..
	1895 { C 5	1	6	.10	18	.18
	1896 { E 3	1	4	.10	..	..
	1896 { C 2	..	2	.03	6	.06
Sub-Class VIII.—Diseases of Urinary System and Organs of Generation	1895 { E 68	46	114	2.85	..	..
	1895 { C 46	46	92	1.55	206	2.07
	1896 { E 76	36	112	2.78	..	..
	1896 { C 76	42	118	1.98	230	2.30
Sub-Class IX.—Diseases of Parturition ..	1895 { E ..	27	27	.68	..	..
	1895 { C ..	31	31	.52	58	.58
	1896 { E ..	29	29	.72	..	..
	1896 { C ..	26	26	.44	55	.55
Sub-Class X.—Diseases of Bones and Joints	1895 { E 6	5	11	.28	..	..
	1895 { C 10	2	12	.20	23	.23
	1896 { E 4	5	9	.22	..	..
	1896 { C 8	7	15	.25	24	.24
Sub-Class XI.—Diseases of Integumentary System	1895 { E 3	1	4	.10	..	..
	1895 { C ..	1	1	.02	5	.05
	1896 { E 4	3	7	.17	..	..
	1896 { C 1	6	7	.12	14	.14
TOTAL, CLASS V. ..	1895 { E 969	807	1776	44.40	..	..
	1895 { C 1392	1032	2424	40.83	4200	42.27
	1896 { E 1042	786	1828	45.31	..	..
	1896 { C 1569	1119	2688	45.10	4516	45.19
CLASS VI.—Violence.						
Sub-Class I.—Accident or Negligence ..	1895 { E 119	31	150	3.75	..	..
	1895 { C 249	79	328	5.52	478	4.81
	1896 { E 122	34	156	3.87	..	..
	1896 { C 215	69	284	4.77	440	4.40
Sub-Class II.—Suicide ..	1895 { E 19	2	21	.53	..	..
	1895 { C 6	2	8	.13	29	.29
	1896 { E 9	4	13	.32	..	..
	1896 { C 7	1	8	.13	21	.21
Sub-Class III.—Homicide ..	1895 { E ..	2	2	.05	..	..
	1895 { C 7	1	8	.13	10	.10
	1896 { E 4	3	7	.17	..	..
	1896 { C 14	5	19	.32	26	.26
Sub-Class IV.—Execution ..	1895 { E ..	..	..	..	..	..
	1895 { C 2	..	2	.04	2	.02
	1896 { E ..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896 { C 4	..	4	.07	4	.04
TOTAL, CLASS VI. ..	1895 { E 138	35	173	4.33	..	..
	1895 { C 264	82	346	5.82	519	5.22
	1896 { E 135	41	176	4.36	..	..
	1896 { C 240	75	315	5.29	491	4.91
Class VII.—Undefined and not Specified ..	1895 { E 63	58	121	3.03	..	..
	1895 { C 120	88	208	3.50	329	3.31
	1896 { E 37	29	66	1.64	..	..
	1896 { C 78	48	126	2.12	192	1.92
GRAND TOTAL, COLONY PROPER ..	1895 { E 2214	1786	4000	100.00	..	..
	1895 { C 3307	2630	5937	100.00	9937	100.00
	1896 { E 2334	1700	4034	100.00	..	..
	1896 { C 3440	2520	5960	100.00	9994	100.00

* Apparent increase of fatal cases due in 1896 partly to re-arrangement of classification of certain items.

COMMONEST CAUSES OF DEATH.—WHOLE COLONY, 1895 AND 1896.

This return which differs from any of the others in that it relates to the *Whole Colony* (including the Transkeian Territories and Bechuanaland) and includes Uncertified cases, is arranged according to the order of the events that transpired in 1895, the sequence for 1896 being indicated by the entry in the "No." column. It may be explained that several items occupy positions dissimilar to those previously held partly owing to the better information now afforded and partly on account of changes in classification. In this connection the following diseases are mentioned, viz.: "Enteritis," "Typhoid Fever," "Tabes Mesenterica," "Other diseases of Larynx and Trachea," "Tumour."

DISEASES.	No. 1895	No. 1896	DISEASES.	No. 1895	No. 1896				
Convulsions	1	2517	1	2882	Erysipelas	54	27	61	25
Whooping Cough .. .	2	2362	4	2134	Scarlet Fever .. .	55	27	75	16
Pneumonia	3	2245	2	2463	Accidents occurring during Birth ..	56	26	52	39
Phthisis	4	2176	3	2291	Hypertrophy, Dilatation of Heart ..	57	26	59	28
Influenza	5	1889	7	1098	Suppression of Urine	58	25	79	11
Diarrhoea	6	1274	5	1559	Jaundice	59	24	76	16
Bronchitis	7	898	9	977	Other Diseases of Larynx and Trachea ..	60	23	85	8
Old Age	8	893	11	789	Vomiting	61	23	70	18
Measles	9	756	15	593	Caries, Necrosis	62	23	63	24
Dysentery	10	755	10	811	Other Diseases of Brain	63	23	58	39
Diphtheria	11	751	13	697	Tumour	64	22	84	9
Diseases of Stomach ..	12	663	12	748	Abscess of Liver	65	21	65	21
Enteritis	13	636	6	1163	Simple Continued Fever	66	21	54	38
Heart Disease	14	618	14	614	Insanity	67	20	39	75
Debility	15	560	16	406	Ulceration, Perforation of Intestines ..	68	20	68	19
Typhoid Fever	16	444	8	1052	Hydatids	69	20	86	6
Dropsy	17	289	22	276	Abortion	70	17	72	17
Dentition	18	287	17	355	Hernia	71	17	66	21
Apoplexy	19	269	20	299	Laryngitis	72	17	58	30
Premature Birth	20	263	18	303	Diabetes Mellitus	73	17	71	18
Inflammation of Brain ..	21	245	19	303	Aneurism	74	16	55	36
Smallpox	22	233	26	144	Pericarditis	75	16	62	25
Cancer	23	231	21	289	Softening of Brain	76	15	81	10
Bright's Disease	24	186	23	217	Dyspepsia	77	15	73	17
Accidents of Child Birth ..	25	185	24	179	Mortification	78	14	89	4
Tuberculosis (other forms) ..	26	143	28	125	Embolism	79	14	78	12
Paralysis	27	136	31	109	Typho-Malarial Fever	80	13	67	21
Leprosy	28	124	25	149	Anaemia	81	12	87	6
Syphilis	29	120	29	123	Gout	82	12	88	6
Hæmorrhage	30	120	37	80	Delirium Tremens	83	12	77	15
Peritonitis	31	101	33	93	Hæmoptysis	84	12	56	36
Epilepsy	32	97	36	82	Sarcoma	85	11	74	17
Asthma	33	87	27	137	Puerperal Convulsions	86	10	80	11
Syncope	34	83	35	88	Otitis	87	10	82	10
Pleurisy	35	81	34	90	Cyanosis	88	10	64	22
Rheumatic Fever	36	73	32	103	Thrush	89	10	83	10
Quinsy	37	68	46	55					
Pyæmia, Septicæmia	38	62	40	70					
Tetanus	39	60	44	61					
Abscess	40	56	42	69					
Tubercular Meningitis ..	41	54	47	52	Fracture of Bones and Contusions ..	1	272	1	270
Obstruction of Intestines ..	42	54	41	70	Drowning	2	178	2	163
Chronic Alcoholism	43	54	48	52	Burns	3	157	3	149
Tabes Mesenterica	44	53	30	123	Suffocation	4	65	4	88
Carcinoma	45	46	49	49	Lightning	5	64	5	85
Rheumatism	46	45	38	78	Exposure	6	47	6	59
Starvation—Want of Breast Milk ..	47	39	43	66	Poisons	7	33	8	38
Puerperal Fever	48	38	50	45	Bite of Snake or Insect	8	28	9	31
Cirrhosis of Liver	49	33	45	56	Murder	9	26	7	50
Diseases of Spinal Cord ..	50	32	57	31	Gunshot Wounds	10	22	11	25
Hydrocephalus	51	31	51	39	Sunstroke	11	22	10	31
Diseases of Bladder and Prostate ..	52	30	60	25	Suicide (Hanging only)	12	19	12	24
Diseases of Uterus and Vagina ..	53	29	69	18	Cuts	13	11	13	7

DEATHS OF CHILDREN (CERTIFIED CASES) COLONY PROPER, 1895 AND 1896.

In view of the importance of the subject, a special statement of the Certified Causes of the Deaths of European and Coloured Children (under 5 years of age) which occurred in the Colony Proper in 1895 and 1896 has been extracted, and is hereunder exhibited with the respective percentage proportions. The diseases appear in the order of greatest frequency obtaining in 1895, and it may be observed that the changes in classification previously referred to are responsible for several alterations in relative positions.

Diseases.	1895		1896		Diseases.	1895		1896	
	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Per-centage.	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Per-centage.		Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Per-centage.	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Per-centage.
Diarrhoea (E) 266 14·70			271 15·28		Phthisis (E) 9 ·50			8 ·45	
.. .. . (C) 398 13·24			399 14·49		.. .. . (C) 41 1·36			64 2·32	
Total	664		670		Total	50		72	
Whooping Cough .. (E) 181 10·00			152 8·57		Tubercular Meningitis .. (E) 24 1·33			20 1·13	
.. .. . (C) 447 14·87			112 4·07		.. .. . (C) 23 ·76			20 ·73	
Total	628		264		Total	47		40	
Pneumonia (E) 132 7·30			129 7·27		Syphilis (E) 4 ·22			2 ·11	
.. .. . (C) 325 10·81			328 11·91		.. .. . (C) 37 1·23			37 1·34	
Total	457		457		Total	41		39	
Convulsions (E) 123 6·80			78 4·40		Burns (E) 10 ·55			9 ·51	
.. .. . (C) 284 9·44			180 6·53		.. .. . (C) 30 1·00			13 ·47	
Total	407		258		Total	40		22	
Bronchitis (E) 98 5·42			85 4·79		Tabes Mesenterica (E) 18 ·99			32 1·80	
.. .. . (C) 302 10·04			291 10·57		.. .. . (C) 21 ·70			50 1·82	
Total	400		376		Total	39		82	
Measles (E) 136 7·51			89 5·02		Tetanus (E) 9 ·50			15 ·85	
.. .. . (C) 248 8·25			80 2·91		.. .. . (C) 20 ·66			18 ·65	
Total	384		169		Total	29		33	
Enteritis (E) 159 8·79			325 18·32		Suffocation (E) 10 ·55			7 ·39	
.. .. . (C) 144 4·79			358 13·00		.. .. . (C) 16 ·53			26 ·94	
Total	303		683		Total	26		33	
Debility (E) 83 4·59			43 2·42		Bright's Disease (E) 6 ·33			4 ·22	
.. .. . (C) 117 3·89			76 2·76		.. .. . (C) 15 ·50			16 ·58	
Total	200		119		Total	21		20	
Diphtheria (E) 91 5·03			75 4·23		Typhoid Fever (E) 7 ·39			18 1·01	
.. .. . (C) 63 2·10			41 1·49		.. .. . (C) 13 ·43			32 1·16	
Total	154		116		Total	20		50	
Premature Birth (E) 79 4·37			73 4·11		Starvation (E) 6 ·33			6 ·34	
.. .. . (C) 66 2·19			83 3·01		.. .. . (C) 14 ·46			17 ·62	
Total	145		156		Total	20		23	
Inflammation of Brain .. (E) 68 3·76			75 4·23		Dysentery (E) 5 ·28			20 1·13	
.. .. . (C) 53 1·76			60 2·18		.. .. . (C) 14 ·47			9 ·33	
Total	121		135		Total	19		29	
Dentition (E) 59 3·26			45 2·54		Hydrocephalus (E) 10 ·55			14 ·79	
.. .. . (C) 61 2·03			54 1·96		.. .. . (C) 9 ·30			12 ·43	
Total	120		99		Total	19		26	
Influenza (E) 22 1·22			3 ·17		Heart Disease (E) 13 ·72			8 ·45	
.. .. . (C) 51 1·70			23 ·84		.. .. . (C) 5 ·17			5 ·18	
Total	73		26		Total	18		13	
Other Forms of Tuberculosis (E) 21 1·16			5 ·28		Drowning (E) 4 ·22			1 ·06	
.. .. . (C) 37 1·23			31 1·16		.. .. . (C) 11 ·36			6 ·22	
Total	58		36		Total	15		7	

DEATHS OF CHILDREN (CERTIFIED CASES) COLONY PROPER, 1895 AND 1896.--Continued.

Diseases.	1895		1896		Diseases.	1895		1896	
	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Per-centage.	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Per-centage.		Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Per-centage.	Total Deaths under 5 Years.	Per-centage.
Fracture of Bones .. { E 9 .50 C 6 .20	2	.11	6	.33	Scarlet Fever .. { E 6 .33 C 3 .10	1	.06	4	.14
Total ..	15		8		Total ..	9		5	
Accidents occurring during Birth .. { E 6 .33 C 8 .27	8	.45	18	.65	Quinsy { E 5 .28 C 3 .10	1	.06	2	.07
Total ..	14		26		Total ..	8		3	
Peritonitis { E 9 .50 C 3 .10	4	.22	6	.22	Pleurisy { E 5 .28 C 2 .07	6	.34	6	.22
Total ..	12		10		Total ..	7		12	
Obstruction of Intestines { E 7 .39 C 3 .10	2	.11	3	.11	Smallpox.. .. { E .. C 1 .03	1	.06	1	.04
Total ..	10		5		Total ..	1		2	
Diseases of Stomach .. { E 6 .33 C 3 .10	8	.45	12	.43	Other Diseases .. { E 103 5.69 C 110 3.66	129	7.27	251	9.23
Total ..	9		20		Total ..	213	100.00	383	100.00

SPECIAL DISEASES (CERTIFIED)—CLIMATIC ARRANGEMENT.

The subjoined return is arranged according to the order of the frequency of occurrences in 1895. It shows that as far as the evidence of Certified Cases goes, Pneumonia, Bronchitis and Phthisis were fully and evenly distributed over the Colony Proper. Other forms of Phthisis were also equally dispersed. Diarrhoea was returned in more districts in 1896 than in 1895. Influenza had abated, and at the fastest rate outside the West Coast area. Enteritis was following the converse procedure. Cancer and Diphtheria unfortunately as regards distribution were steady. Typhoid Fever had appeared in 15 more districts in 1896. Whooping Cough had gained a good hold of the Karroo area in 1896 and Measles had made way in all but the Western region. Smallpox as a certified disease had practically disappeared except in the Karroo. Cerebro-Spinal-Meningitis (not returned at all in 1895) showed itself in 11 areas in 1896.

Comparative statement showing for 1895 and 1896 the number of districts in which Certified Cases of the specified diseases had occurred—the districts being grouped according to climate:—

Causes of Death.	Total (73 Districts).		West Coast (12 Districts).		South and S.E. (24 Districts).		Border (10 Districts).		Karoo (27 Districts).	
	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896
Pneumonia	64	66	12	12	16	18	10	10	26	26
Bronchitis	62	63	12	11	20	19	9	6	21	27
Phthisis	53	54	11	10	17	18	6	6	19	20
Diarrhoea	50	58	9	12	13	15	7	7	21	24
Influenza	49	24	10	8	13	5	7	4	19	7
Enteritis	44	63	11	12	13	16	6	9	14	26
Cancer	41	44	10	10	12	14	6	4	13	16
Diphtheria	41	37	10	8	10	9	7	7	14	13
Typhoid Fever	40	55	8	11	14	16	5	8	13	20
Other forms of Phthisis	37	37	9	9	13	13	5	4	10	11
Whooping Cough	32	50	9	10	13	15	6	7	4	18
Dysentery	22	32	8	7	4	9	3	5	7	11
Measles	17	30	7	6	3	11	1	3	6	10
Smallpox	11	6	0	0	6	0	2	1	3	5
Leprosy	6	7	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2
Cerebro-Spinal-Meningitis	0	11	0	5	0	2	0	1	0	3

The West Coast Districts include all from the Orange River to Robertson
 The South and S.E. " " " Caledon to Komgha and back to Somerset East.
 The Border " " " Stutterheim to Orange River.
 The Karroo " " " Inland Districts and Griqualand West.

CERTIFIED CASES OF PHTHISIS FOR COLONY PROPER (BY RACES) FOR 1896.—(Taken out to 15th April, '97).

For Office use a special statement of the number of Deaths certified to be primarily due to Phthisis was compiled. Being of more than usual interest it is now published hereunder:—

DISTRICT.	European or White.		Malay.		Hottentot.		Fingo.		Kafir or Bechuana.		Mixed and Other.		Total Persons.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Aberdeen					1						1		2
Albany	11	4			4		1		5	2	1		28
Albert	2						1		1	1			6
Alexandria							1				1		3
Aliwal North	6										1		9
Barkly West											2		2
Beaufort West	10	2			1	3					2		18
Caledon											2		1
Cape Town	39	20	15	25	2				6	1	51	51	210
Cape (excluding Municipality)	16	9	4	5							21	22	77
Cathcart	1	1											2
Ceres	1				1	3					3	2	10
Colesberg					1				1	3	3	2	10
Cradock	13	2									3	2	15
East London	3	1			1				2	2	1		10
Fort Beaufort	1												1
Fraserburg	1										1	1	3
George		3				2							5
Graaff-Reinet	3	1				1	2		3	2	4	2	18
Hanover									1	1	2		4
Hay					1	1			1		1		4
Jansenville		1											1
Kimberley	15	3			1	6	6	3	1	48	10	5	108
King William's Town	4	2			1	2			2	5	1		17
Kuysna											2	1	3
Komgha	1												2
Malmesbury	1	1			4	4							11
Middelburg	1	3	1			2			1				8
Mossel Bay	3	1									2	5	11
Murraysburg											1	1	3
Namaqualand					2				2		3	3	10
Oudtshoorn	5	2									2	3	12
Paarl	1	4									6	3	14
Philipstown	1	1											2
Port Elizabeth	14	6	3	3		3		6	12	5	22	14	88
Port Nolloth													6
Prieska					5	1							6
Prince Albert	1								1				1
Queenstown	9	3				1			2		3	1	16
Richmond						1					1		3
Riversdale	2	1									1	2	5
Robertson					3	1			1				6
Somerset East									1		1	1	4
Stellenbosch	1	3									7	2	14
Stoekenstrom										2			2
Sutherland													1
Swellendam											2	3	5
Tulbagh						2							3
Uitenhage	2	1			1	3	3	1	1		3	1	21
Uniondale													5
Victoria East									3				3
Victoria West	1										1	2	4
Willowmore	1										2	2	5
Wodehouse										1			1
Worcester		2			1						4	3	10
GRAND TOTAL for Colony Proper	170	81	23	37	40	34	8	10	98	39	165	144	849

STILL BIRTHS.

The annexed statement shows the number of Still Births of White and Coloured Persons which had occurred in Urban Areas—the only localities wherein the reports are compulsory—in each District of the Colony in each of the years 1895 and 1896, as taken out to the 31st December, 1896.

COLONY PROPER: DISTRICT.	1895				1896				COLONY DISTRICT.	1895				1896			
	European.		Coloured.		European.		Coloured.			European.		Coloured.		European.		Coloured.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Aberdeen .. ..	..	..	1	..	..	2	..	1	Oudtshoorn	1	4	5	5	..	..	10	8
Albany	7	1	3	6	7	2	2	1	Paarl	3	3	4	8	2	4	8	4
Albert	1	1	2	1	3	3	1	1	Peddie	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Alexandria .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	Philipstown .. ..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..
Aliwal North	1	3	2	2	1	..	..	..	Piquetberg .. ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Barkly West	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	Port Elizabeth	17	12	13	14	5	5	13	12
Bathurst .. ..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	P. rt Nolloth .. ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	2
Beaufort West .. ..	..	1	2	4	..	..	1	1	Prince Albert .. ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Bedford .. ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	Queenstown	3	3	4	3	3	1	2	6
Bredasdorp .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	Richmond	1	..	1	..	2	1	..	..
Britstown .. ..	..	2	..	1	2	..	1	1	Riversdale .. ..	..	1	..	2	1	3	..	..
Caledon	1	2	2	..	1	1	3	5	Robertson	4	1	3	2	1	..	2	..
Calvinia	3	..	2	..	..	1	..	..	Simon's Town	2	2	4	3	2	..	4	3
Cape Town	12	17	35	33	11	18	54	33	Somerset East .. ..	..	1	2	1	..	..	2	2
Cape District	10	5	8	5	14	3	7	6	Stellenbosch .. ..	..	2	2	4	2	3	2	3
Carnarvon .. ..	..	..	1	..	..	1	2	1	Steynsburg	1	1	..	..	4	2	1	..
Ceres	1	2	1	..	..	..	1	2	Stookenstrom	1	1	5	6	1	..	1	7
Clanwilliam .. ..	..	..	1	3	..	..	1	2	Stutterheim	2	..	1	1	..	1	..	1
Colesberg .. ..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	Sutherland .. ..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Craddock .. ..	..	..	3	4	..	..	..	..	Swellendam .. ..	..	2	..	..	1	..	2	..
East London	2	4	3	3	5	3	1	5	Tarka .. ..	..	1	1	..	2	..	4	2
Fort Beaufort	1	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	Tulbagh .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Fraserburg	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	Uitenhage	1	4	6	2	3	1	3	3
George	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	Uniondale	1	..	1	2	..	..	1	1
Glen Grey .. ..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	Van Rhyu's Dorp .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Graaff-Reinet	2	2	3	1	5	3	1	1	Victoria East	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Hanover	1	1	..	1	..	1	..	2	Victoria West .. ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	2	..
Hay .. ..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	..	Willowmore	2	..	1	..	..	2	2	2
Herbert	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	Wodehouse	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	1
Hope Town .. ..	..	1	..	1	2	1	..	1	Worcester .. ..	..	2	7	2	2	2	5	4
Humansdorp .. ..	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	2	Wynberg	9	4	10	6	4	16	7	8
Jausenville	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	Total for .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kenhardt	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	Colony Proper	122	111	185	167	110	106	180	172
Kimberley	13	9	15	15	13	10	20	21	Total for .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
King Wm.'s Town	4	2	3	4	4	5	..	3	East Griqualand	1	2	2	1	2	..	3	3
Knysna .. ..	..	2	..	1	..	1	5	2	Total for .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Komgha .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	Tembuland .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Ladismith .. ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	Total for .. ..	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	1
Malmesbury	3	2	4	3	..	4	2	1	Bechuanaland	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Middelburg	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	Grand Total for	123	114	188	168	113	106	186	177
Mossel Bay .. ..	..	..	1	2	1	..	1	3	Whole Colony	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Namaqualand	1	1	3	6	..	..	..	2									

STILL BIRTHS (RURAL AREAS).

TERRITORY.	1895				1896			
	European.		Coloured.		European.		Coloured.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Colony Proper	25	12	34	29	8	5	12	9
East Griqualand	1	..	1	2	..	..	2	..
Tembuland	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Bechuanaland .. ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
Grand Total for Whole Colony	27	12	35	31	9	5	15	9

PUBLICATION OF RESULTS, 1896.

Although this Report appears late in the year, the publication of the derived results as regards Ages and Causes of Death was commenced in the *Newspaper Press* in February, 1897, the Cape Division figures having been completed on the 17th February, those for Port Elizabeth on the 18th, and those for Kimberley on the 19th, 16 other sets followed in quick succession, while the last returns of the special batch, viz., for Uitenhage and Worcester were finished on the 17th March.

On the 14th June statements showing—by Races and Sexes—Urban and Rural Deaths for each District of the Colony Proper, and classified causes of Death, as well as the detailed ages of the deceased were gazetted. Government Notice, No. 512/97. Two months later the Births in each District were presented by Races and Sexes for Urban and Rural Areas. Government Notice, No 757/97.

PUBLICATIONS, 1897.

Abstracts showing the number of male and female European and Coloured Births and Deaths are published monthly in the *Gazette* in respect to the following Cities and Towns, viz., Cape Town, the Suburban Municipalities of Sea and Green Point, Woodstock, Maitland (V.M.B.), Mowbray, Rondebosch, Claremont, Wynberg, Kalk Bay and Simon's Town; as well as Aliwal North, Beaufort West, Craddock, East London, Graaff-Reinet, Graham's Town, Kimberley and Beaconsfield, King William's Town, Malmesbury, Oudtshoorn, Port Elizabeth, Queen's Town, Somerset East, Stellenbosch, Uitenhage, Worcester. The mortality returns show all the principal diseases in detail, and whether the deceased was under or over five years of age.

PROGRESS OF REGISTRATION, 1897.

Up to the 15th September, 1897, 27,522 Births and 18,132 Deaths had been "registered" in the Colony Proper, compared with 26,143 Births and 17,798 Deaths up to 15th Sept., 1896.

A. C. DALE,
Registrar of Births and Deaths.

Registration Office,
Cape of Good Hope,
September, 1897.

BIRTHS, 1895 AND 1896.

[As abstracted to 15th April, 1897.]

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Last Return completed 21st September, 1897.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT,
COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

[G. 1.—'98.]

BIRTHS, 1895 AND 1896.—SUMMARY.

No. 1.—Showing for each of the five Main Races and with distinction of Sex, the Number of Births in each of the Territories comprising the Cape Colony, in 1895 and 1896, as far as registered, and as taken out to 15th April, 1897.

TERRITORIES.	European or White.				Malay.				Hottentot.				Fingo, Kafir and Bechuana.			
	M.		F.		M.		F.		M.		F.		M.		F.	
	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896
Colony Proper ..	7423	7051	6944	6888	278	282	285	275	1328	1577	1280	1514	5403	5765	5473	5785
Transkeian Territories ..	189	190	171	174	..	..	..	..	10	18	7	6	3772	4698	3919	4771
Walfish Bay ..	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	6	6	9	9	..	2	..	1
Bechuanaland ..	13	170	16	141	..	..	..	1	1	21	1	20	12	203	21	188
(Six weeks in 1895)																

BIRTHS, 1895 AND 1896.—CITIES AND TOWNS.

No. 2.—Showing for each of the 5 Main Races and with distinction of Sex, the Number of Births in the Cities and Chief Towns in 1895 and 1896, as far as registered, and as taken out to 15th April, 1897.

CITIES AND CHIEF TOWNS.	European or White.				Malay.				Hottentot.				Fingo, Kafir and Bechuana.			
	M.		F.		M.		F.		M.		F.		M.		F.	
	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896
Graham's Town ..	116	98	121	106	..	..	..	..	14	25	9	26	48	64	61	51
Aliwal North ..	24	23	20	17	..	..	..	..	1	2	1	..	15	15	10	13
Beaufort West ..	40	35	29	44	..	..	..	..	..	18	3	10	2	1	3	2
Cape Town ..	450	461	431	459	198	199	191	178	1	..	2	1	1	1	1	1
Green and Sea Point ..	38	49	43	45	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Woodstock ..	106	118	114	116	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Maitland ..	36	47	36	55	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mowbray ..	47	55	37	34	5	8	9	15	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rondebosch ..	39	22	39	37	4	1	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Claremont ..	56	56	63	55	24	18	21	20	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1
Wynberg ..	48	57	50	59	7	8	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Simon's Town ..	23	19	28	24	4	2	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Cradock ..	42	58	56	43	..	..	..	..	20	25	26	21	22	15	28	21
East London ..	124	119	130	111	..	..	..	..	2	5	1	3	41	53	38	51
Graaff-Reinet ..	58	60	68	68	..	..	..	..	4	4	4	3	19	8	11	19
Kimberley ..	226	216	215	168	7	2	7	5	8	3	13	10	44	68	38	78
Beaconsfield ..	53	60	46	62	..	1	1	4	3	2	13	1	19	28	13	21
King William's Town ..	88	82	92	95	..	..	..	..	7	4	3	5	33	27	12	32
Malmesbury ..	32	20	20	22	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mossel Bay ..	15	22	16	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oudtshoorn ..	59	59	59	50	..	1	..	..	2	8	2	6	2	3	1	2
Paarl ..	71	52	53	59	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Wellington ..	15	19	18	13	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Port Elizabeth ..	258	251	227	234	20	25	28	28	5	5	6	3	115	133	109	133
Queenstown ..	59	53	66	62	..	..	..	..	8	7	6	5	29	55	32	45
Robertson ..	28	44	34	38	..	1	..	..	9	10	5	13	..	..	..	5
Somerset East ..	36	28	32	30	..	..	..	1	3	3	3	5	18	16	13	22
Stellenbosch ..	12	17	16	16	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Uitenhage ..	79	69	74	54	1	3	3	1	14	18	10	16	33	51	29	35
Worcester ..	40	28	31	43	1	3	3	2	5	12	1	12	..	1	3	1

BIRTHS, 1895 AND 1896.—SUMMARY.

No. 1.—Showing for each of the five Main Races and with distinction of Sex, the Number of Births in each of the Territories comprising the Cape Colony, in 1895 and 1896, as far as registered, and as taken out to 15th April, 1897.

TERRITORIES.	Mixed and Other.		Total other than European or White.				Total.				Total.	Total.		
	M.		F.		M.		F.		M.		F.		Persons.	Persons.
	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896
Colony Proper	4746	4693	4682	4499	11755	12317	11720	12073	19178	19368	18664	18961	37842	38329
Transkeian Territories	77	54	84	57	3859	4770	4010	4834	4048	4960	4181	5008	(a) 8229	(b) 10873
Walfish Bay	2	..	2	..	8	8	11	10	8	9	12	11	20	20
Bechuanaland	7	83	4	67	20	307	26	276	*33	477	*42	417	*75	(c) 894
(Six weeks in 1895)													(a) 46166	(b) 50116

1895. (a) Including 542 Male and 573 Female Fingoes and Kafirs enumerated under numerical System, not detailed by Races.
 1896. (b) Including 1286 Male and 1380 Female Fingoes and Kafirs enumerated under numerical System, not detailed by Races, also 905 without distinction of Sex.
 1896. (c) Including 117 Male and 111 Female Fingoes and Kafirs enumerated under numerical System, not detailed by Races.
 * Six weeks only.

BIRTHS, 1895 AND 1896.—CITIES AND TOWNS.

No. 2.—Showing for each of the 5 Main Races and with distinction of Sex, the number of Births in the Cities and Chief Towns in 1895 and 1896, as far as registered, and as taken out to 15th April, 1897.

CITIES AND CHIEF TOWNS.	Mixed and Other.		Total other than European or White.				Total.				Total.	Total.		
	M.		F.		M.		F.		M.		F.		Persons.	Persons.
	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896
Graham's Town	25	26	27	22	87	115	97	99	203	213	218	205	421	418
Aliwal North	11	3	7	7	27	20	18	20	51	43	38	37	89	80
Beaufort West	36	43	40	36	38	62	46	48	78	97	75	92	153	189
Cape Town	554	566	520	527	754	766	714	707	1204	1227	1145	1166	2349	2393
Green and Sea Point	15	11	10	18	15	11	10	18	53	60	53	63	106	123
Woodstock	45	63	54	59	48	65	55	60	154	183	169	176	323	359
Maitland	35	38	34	44	35	38	34	44	71	85	70	99	141	184
Mowbray	24	34	43	27	29	42	52	42	76	97	89	76	165	173
Rondebosch	46	42	32	39	50	43	35	44	89	65	74	81	163	146
Claremont	83	94	86	83	107	113	108	104	163	169	171	159	334	328
Wynberg	67	84	77	90	74	92	84	97	122	149	134	156	256	305
Simon's Town	27	17	19	20	31	19	23	23	54	38	51	47	105	85
Cradock	13	28	17	25	55	68	71	67	97	126	127	110	224	236
East London	3	9	7	6	46	67	46	60	170	186	176	171	346	357
Graaff-Reinet	68	59	52	48	87	71	67	70	145	131	135	138	280	269
Kimberley	117	101	103	95	176	174	161	188	402	390	376	356	778	746
Beaconsfield	22	24	16	38	44	55	43	64	97	115	89	127	186	242
King William's Town	5	4	5	4	45	35	20	41	133	117	112	136	245	253
Malmesbury	41	30	34	26	43	32	34	26	75	52	54	48	129	100
Mossel Bay	22	29	21	29	23	29	21	29	38	51	37	38	75	89
Oudtshoorn	74	66	67	68	78	78	70	76	137	137	129	126	266	263
Paarl	111	127	124	145	111	127	124	146	182	179	177	205	359	384
Wellington	20	30	21	23	20	30	23	23	35	49	41	36	76	85
Port Elizabeth	148	151	148	157	288	314	291	321	546	565	518	554	1064	1119
Queenstown	7	10	9	9	44	72	47	59	103	125	113	121	216	246
Robertson	26	18	19	18	35	29	24	36	63	73	58	74	121	147
Somerset East	22	25	26	16	43	44	42	44	79	72	74	74	153	146
Stellenbosch	52	61	50	61	52	61	50	63	64	78	66	79	130	157
Uitenhage	41	27	33	29	89	99	75	81	168	168	149	135	317	303
Worcester	77	83	83	101	83	99	90	116	123	127	121	159	244	286

BIRTHS, LEGITIMATE AND OTHER, 1895 AND 1896.—SUMMARY.

No. 3.—Showing for each of the three Main Races (White, Yellow-brown and Black) and with distinction of Sex, the number of Births, Legitimate, Illegitimate and Native Custom Cases in each of the Territories comprising the Cape Colony in 1895 and 1896, as far as registered, and as taken out to 15th April, 1897.

Territory.	European or White.						Malay, Mixed and Other with Hottentot.						Kafir and Bechuana with Fingo.						Total.									
	Legitimate.			Illegitimate.			Legitimate.			Illegitimate.			Legitimate.			Illegitimate including some Native Custom Cases.			1895	1896								
	1895		1896	1895		1896	1895		1896	1895		1896	1895		1896	1895		1896	Births	Births								
	M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.		M.	F.											
Colony Proper ..	7267	6800	6905	6729	156	144	146	146	159	4354	4548	1972	2004	1934	1827	1787	1968	1997	2371	2473	2078	2038	1205	1213	1719	1750	37842	38329
East Griqualand ..	95	65	71	58	1	1	1	1	37	49	39	34	24	18	17	25	42	37	1564	1556	1289	1244	36	43	81	40	3537	2920
Tembuland ..	74	81	98	95	3	1	2	2	9	7	12	6	16	10	3	14	11	29	471	503	1392	1481	13	6	20	34	1219	4013
Transkei and Walfish Bay	16	23	20	20	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	8	11	..	1	2	..	3	1594	1722	1834	1831	62	53	60	80	3469	3960
Bechuanaaland ..	13	16	169	141	..	..	1	..	6	3	74	62	2	30	36	6	9	50	42	6	12	135	136	..	18	10	(a) 75	894
(1896 for 6 weeks only.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	7465	6855	7263	7043	160	147	149	161	4433	4293	4680	2022	2054	1991	1827	1787	1968	1997	2371	2473	2078	2038	1205	1213	1719	1750	46166	50116*

No proper comparison can be made between returns for 1895 and 1896 in the Native Territories. (a) For Six weeks only. * Including 905 cases returned without distinction of Sex.

BIRTHS, 1895 AND 1896.—DISTRICTS.

No. 4.—Showing for each of the 3 Main Races (White, Yellow-brown and Black), and with distinction of Sex, the Number of Births in each District of the Colony and its Dependencies in 1895 and 1896, as far as registered, and as taken out to 15th April, 1897.

DISTRICT.	1895		1896		1895		1896		1895		1896		1895		1896		1895		1896	
	European or White.		European or White.		Malay, Hottentot, Mixed and Other.		Malay, Hottentot, Mixed and Other.		Fingo, Kafir and Bechuana.		Fingo, Kafir and Bechuana.		Total.		Total.		Total.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Per-sons.	Per-sons.
Aberdeen ..	71	54	67	54	24	46	56	48	16	28	19	32	111	128	142	134	239	276		
Albany ..	152	156	127	138	61	59	75	65	247	258	192	198	460	473	394	401	933	795		
Albert ..	161	172	138	132	27	24	28	33	64	50	66	75	252	255	232	240	507	472		
Alexandria ..	45	45	33	29	18	25	28	31	105	109	93	96	168	179	154	156	347	310		
Aliwal North ..	111	92	96	91	19	14	14	23	45	39	52	48	175	145	162	162	320	324		
Barkly East ..	89	88	82	70	13	8	7	7	38	27	24	22	140	123	113	99	263	212		
Barkly West ..	93	78	100	98	67	55	35	43	142	169	154	140	302	302	289	281	604	570		
Bathurst ..	19	22	18	18	11	5	9	5	177	185	166	155	207	212	193	178	419	371		
Beaufort West ..	90	66	88	67	76	81	94	81	8	8	8	8	174	155	190	155	329	345		
Bedford ..	46	39	39	40	28	29	29	38	133	114	149	149	207	182	217	227	389	444		
Bredasdorp ..	61	55	74	65	61	68	71	70	..	..	..	..	122	123	145	135	245	280		
Britstown ..	56	52	40	56	19	34	30	28	6	9	11	11	81	95	81	95	176	176		
Caledon ..	107	94	106	102	105	116	129	87	..	..	..	..	212	210	235	189	422	424		
Calvinia ..	82	70	95	91	59	57	77	60	1	1	..	..	142	128	172	152	270	324		
Cape (including Cape Town)	668	649	702	712	916	879	961	916	4	4	3	6	1588	1532	1666	1634	3120	3300		
Carnarvon ..	58	48	47	32	35	42	36	34	8	12	13	8	101	102	96	74	203	170		
Cathcart ..	33	30	27	26	10	2	3	11	67	64	91	80	110	96	121	117	206	238		
Ceres ..	36	45	39	39	72	65	81	67	..	..	..	..	108	110	121	106	218	227		
Clanwilliam ..	68	59	74	84	105	102	110	100	1	1	..	..	174	162	184	184	336	368		
Colesberg ..	57	55	47	55	35	30	55	51	17	20	34	35	109	105	136	141	214	277		
Cradock ..	123	132	128	132	58	67	79	66	81	112	85	108	262	311	292	306	573	598		
East London ..	183	175	166	145	11	12	20	10	308	321	378	384	502	508	564	539	1010	1103		
Fort Beaufort ..	41	40	49	39	18	18	18	28	156	134	157	171	215	192	224	238	407	462		
Fraserburg ..	86	74	70	76	41	30	41	22	7	3	2	4	134	107	113	102	241	215		
George ..	89	89	85	91	86	93	99	90	2	4	7	4	177	186	191	185	363	376		
Glen Grey (incomplete)	10	16	7	12	..	1	..	1	220	239	129	127	230	256	136	140	486	276		
Graaff-Reinet ..	122	124	111	127	148	122	126	120	75	91	67	69	345	337	304	316	682	620		
Hanover ..	38	28	35	31	28	25	34	35	6	5	18	17	72	58	87	83	130	170		
Hay ..	127	118	100	89	39	38	30	35	26	29	14	25	192	185	144	149	377	293		
Herbert ..	61	67	44	53	38	38	34	33	68	67	55	65	167	162	133	151	329	284		
Herschel ..	3	2	4	2	22	20	11	4	427	445	489	438	452	467	504	444	919	948		
Hope Town ..	54	57	58	58	28	25	21	17	12	4	15	8	94	86	94	83	180	177		
Humansdorp ..	82	79	71	61	107	106	98	85	69	57	60	53	258	242	229	199	500	428		
Jansenville ..	101	101	103	98	42	37	37	41	69	86	76	64	212	224	216	203	436	419		
Kenhardt ..	68	69	55	57	47	46	51	35	5	2	2	1	120	117	108	93	237	201		
Kimberley ..	344	319	311	283	178	162	160	173	83	74	129	128	605	555	600	584	1160	1184		
King William's Town	160	150	146	157	26	14	18	17	805	836	1076	1172	991	1000	1240	1346	1991	2586		
Kluisna ..	71	67	75	58	66	53	75	67	11	7	8	8	148	127	158	133	275	291		
Komgha ..	39	27	22	36	3	2	5	1	146	125	135	124	188	154	162	161	342	323		
Ladismith ..	86	78	79	95	73	56	42	56	3	..	..	..	162	134	122	151	296	273		
Malmesbury ..	231	183	200	185	281	294	296	305	1	1	..	..	513	478	496	491	991	987		
Middelburg ..	76	64	66	67	50	31	44	42	54	41	43	47	180	136	153	156	316	309		
Mossel Bay ..	39	68	74	46	68	103	84	78	..	1	..	..	127	159	124	209	283			
Murraysburg ..	19	16	19	20	26	37	27	26	12	10	13	7	97	63	59	53	120	112		
Namaqualand ..	68	57	63	50	185	194	149	128	10	8	5	3	263	259	217	181	522	398		
Oudtshoorn ..	228	225	260	243	241	261	257	263	5	7	14	9	474	493	531	515	967	1046		
Paarl ..	154	125	140	123	297	321	352	324	..	..	..	..	451	446	492	448	897	940		
Peddie ..	20	25	22	26	4	3	..	..	298	281	314	309	322	287	233	235	448	448		
Philipstown ..	66	38	62	65	31	31	34	24	12	14	21	10	109	83	117	99	192	216		
Piquetberg ..	139	157	161	142	94	129	118	119	..	1	..	..	233	287	261	250	540	540		
Port Elizabeth ..	260	230	254	243	210	202	208	217	121	117	139	142	591	549	601	602	1140	1203		
Port Nolloth ..	6	6	13	10	31	17	29	24										

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DISTRICT.	1895.		1896.		1895.		1896.		1895.		1896.		1895.	1896.
	European or White.		European or White.		Malay, Hottentot, Mixed and Other.		Malay, Hottentot, Mixed and Other.		Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.		Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.		Total.	Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
EAST GRIQUALAND.														
Maclear	32	19	16	15	9	13	6	6	26	23	26	24	67	55
Matatiele	14	10	10	11	5	4	1	2	234	215	190	170	253	229
Mount Ayliff ..	4	6	..	3	1	1	1	1	174	173	263	267	179	180
Mount Currie ..	23	18	25	16	32	42	35	29	89	90	77	78	144	150
Mount Fletcher ..	4	3	5	..	..	1	..	..	242	255	198	175	246	259
Mount Frere ..	4	3	3	2	..	1	1	1	63	68	40	48	67	71
Qumba	4	2	3	2	3	3	4	5	362	350	260	239	369	355
Isolo	7	1	2	2	1	3	..	..	126	151	63	67	134	155
Umzimkulu ..	4	4	7	7	10	7	9	7	300	299	245	253	314	310
Total for East Griqualand ..	96	66	71	58	61	74	57	51	1616	1624	1362	1321	1773	1764
TEMBULAND.														
Elliot	40	42	64	57	4	4	4	3	14	13	26	20	58	59
Elliotdale	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	2	1
Engcobo	2	2	5	7	4	1	..	1	204	217	436	439	210	220
Mquanduli .. ..	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	3	2	51	52	3	2
St. Mark's	2	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	196	202	352	389	198	203
Umtata	17	20	15	17	10	5	3	..	25	17	537	586	52	42
Xalanga	11	13	9	9	7	5	6	2	54	68	39	51	72	86
Port St. John's ..	4	4	1	2	..	2	1	3	1	..	..	..	5	6
Total for Tembuland ..	77	82	100	97	25	17	14	9	498	520	1441	1538	600	619
TRANSKEI.														
Butterworth	3	6	4	9	..	..	..	1	113	115	169	179	116	121
Idutywa	6	5	2	1	1	..	1	..	383	443	349	359	390	448
Kentani	1	5	3	2	..	..	..	..	296	314	317	361	320	364
Nqamakwe	2	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	57	61	..	..	59	62
Tsomo .. ..	..	3	4	3	..	..	..	..	110	95	89	119	110	98
Willowvale	4	3	3	2	..	..	..	..	699	747	971	894	703	750
Total for Transkei ..	16	23	19	19	1	..	1	3	1658	1775	1895	1912	1675	1798
WALFISH BAY.														
Walfish Bay .. ..	..	1	1	1	8	11	6	9	..	..	2	1	8	12
BECHUANALAND.														
Gordonia	2	3	35	30	5	4	79	71	..	2	4	4	7	9
Kuruman .. ..	..	1	12	6	1	1	8	8	3	2	34	35	4	54
Mafeking	2	4	27	26	1	..	4	4	..	1	124	116	3	5
Vryburg	9	8	96	79	1	..	13	5	9	16	41	33	19	24
Total for Bechuanaland ..	13	16	170	141	8	5	104	88	12	21	203	188	(a) 33	(a) 42
GRAND TOTAL FOR Whole Colony ..	*7625	*7132	7412	7204	..	..	6734	6448	..	..	10668	10745	..	..
													24814	24397
													46166	50116
													Imperfect.	

(a) Return imperfect. Act hardly in operation. * Including Bechuanaland for 6 weeks only. (b) Including 814 cases returned without distinction of Sex. (c) Including 91 cases returned without distinction of Sex. (a) Six weeks only.

BIRTHS, 1895 AND 1896.—URBAN AND RURAL.

No. 5.—Showing for White and for Coloured Persons the Number of Male and Female Births in Urban and Rural Areas of each District of the Colony and its Dependencies in 1895 and 1896, as far as registered, and as taken out to 15th April, 1897.

DISTRICT.	European or White.		European or White.		Total other than European or White.		Total other than European or White.		Total.		Total.	
	Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Aberdeen	33	20	38	34	9	10	31	64	42	30	69	98
Albany	116	123	36	33	57	104	211	213	213	227	247	246
Albert	73	91	28	29	120	105	147	158	219	214	175	187
Alexandria	68	67	70	65	46	49	51	34	113	140	139	115
Aliwal North ..	4	3	41	42	5	6	118	128	9	9	159	170
Barkly East ..	62	40	49	52	36	25	28	28	98	65	77	80
Barkly West ..	49	34	47	57	36	26	30	45	85	60	77	102
Bathurst	35	22	175	164	10	7	41	28	45	29	95	94
Beaufort West ..	26	24	56	46	7	8	24	21	33	32	80	67
Bedford	24	31	69	47	35	26	174	198	59	57	243	245
Bredasdorp ..	7	10	12	12	28	36	161	147	69	68	220	213
Britstown	6	8	12	10	17	19	163	171	32	29	175	183
Britstown	40	29	50	50	38	46	46	43	78	75	96	80
Calvinia	35	44	53	37	62	48	40	40	97	92	93	63
Cape	17	13	29	26	23	19	138	124	40	32	167	150
Caledon	5	6	56	49	11	11	164	175	24	23	193	204
Cape	8	13	66	52	18	12	50	57	16	17	106	106
Carnarvon ..	38	31	18	21	13	18	12	25	51	49	30	46
Catcart	24	36	16	20	24	23	17	16	48	59	33	36
Ceres	35	24	72	70	33	48	72	68	68	72	144	138
Clanwilliam ..	28	32	78	70	79	48	50	39	107	80	128	109
Clanwilliam ..	8	5	74	65	17	9	43	49	25	14	117	114
Clanwilliam ..	8	8	87	83	18	12	59	49	26	20	146	132
Coleberg	640	632	26	16	859	820	61	63	1499	1452	87	79
Coleberg	684	688	18	23	892	840	72	82	1576	1528	90	105
Cornwall	14	20	44	28	15	27	28	27	29	47	72	55
Cornwall	16	9	31	23	20	12	29	30	36	21	60	53
Cornwall	12	12	21	18	7	8	70	58	19	20	91	76
Cornwall	11	8	16	18	9	14	85	77	20	22	101	95
Cornwall	11	10	25	35	28	33	44	32	39	43	69	67
Cornwall	5	10	24	29	42	36	40	31	57	46	64	60
Cornwall	4	3	63	56	20	22	86	81	25	25	149	137
Cornwall	4	1	70	83	25	21	85	79	29	22	155	162
Cornwall	28	23	29	32	29	23	23	27	57	46	52	59
Cornwall	17	17	30	38	41	32	48	54	58	49	78	92
Cornwall	53	68	70	64	57	73	82	106	110	141	152	170
Cornwall	70	57	58	75	74	90	104	144	144	127	148	179
Cornwall	130	139	53	36	51	50	265	283	181	189	321	319
Cornwall	127	114	39	31	73	62	325	332	200	176	364	363
Cornwall	23	25	18	15	60	45	114	107	83	70	132	122
Cornwall	37	25	12	14	84	83	91	116	121	108	103	130
Cornwall	16	10	70	64	17	10	31	23	33	20	101	87
Cornwall	16	14	54	62	14	13	29	13	30	27	83	75
Cornwall	23	20	66	69	27	33	61	64	50	53	127	133
Cornwall	20	21	65	70	35	30	71	64	55	51	136	134
Cornwall	4	5	6	11	..	1	220	239	4	6	226	250
Cornwall	3	7	4	5	..	..	129	128	3	7	133	133
Cornwall	73	76	49	48	94	76	129	137	167	152	178	185
Cornwall	78	81	38	46	81	85	112	104	154	166	150	150
Cornwall	17	15	21	13	1	5	23	25	28	20	44	38
Cornwall	8	10	27	21	16	13	36	39	24	23	63	60
Cornwall	24	16	103	102	9	9	56	58	33	25	159	160
Cornwall	12	20	88	69	5	11	39	49	17	31	127	118
Cornwall	11	10	50	57	8	10	98	85	19	20	148	142
Cornwall	12	10	32	43	9	10	80	88	21	20	112	131
Cornwall	3	2	449	465	452	467
Cornwall	4	2	500	442	504	444
Cornwall	32	31	22	26	10	9	30	20	42</			

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DISTRICT.	European or White.		European or White.		Total other than European or White.		Total other than European or White.		Total.		Total.		
	Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Knysna ..	1895	9	6	62	61	7	6	70	54	16	12	132	115
	1896	21	9	54	49	12	14	71	61	33	23	125	110
Komgha ..	1895	11	8	28	19	4	2	145	125	15	10	173	144
	1896	5	13	17	23	3	3	137	122	8	16	154	145
Ladismith ..	1895	7	4	79	74	8	6	68	50	15	10	147	124
	1896	7	5	72	90	3	9	40	47	10	14	112	137
Malmesbury ..	1895	47	36	184	147	60	53	222	242	107	89	406	389
	1896	36	39	164	146	53	43	243	263	89	82	407	409
Middelburg ..	1895	48	25	28	39	32	21	72	51	80	46	100	90
	1896	36	37	30	30	23	19	64	70	59	56	94	100
Mossel Bay ..	1895	17	18	42	50	32	34	36	70	49	52	78	129
	1896	23	11	51	35	37	40	48	38	60	51	99	73
Murraysburg ..	1895	17	9	2	7	21	15	17	32	38	24	19	39
	1896	15	18	4	2	10	13	30	20	25	31	34	22
Namaqualand ..	1895	10	11	58	46	38	45	157	157	48	56	215	203
	1896	5	5	58	45	45	45	109	86	50	50	167	131
Oudtshoorn ..	1895	70	71	158	151	107	102	139	166	177	173	297	320
	1896	67	58	193	185	95	94	176	178	162	152	360	363
Paarl ..	1895	90	78	64	47	136	152	161	169	226	230	225	216
	1896	76	76	64	47	164	174	188	151	240	250	252	198
Peddie ..	1895	7	9	13	16	7	9	295	275	14	18	308	291
	1896	5	10	17	16	6	7	310	302	11	17	327	318
Philipstown ..	1895	48	30	18	8	12	15	31	30	60	45	49	38
	1896	36	47	26	18	13	12	42	22	49	59	68	40
Piquetberg ..	1895	18	13	121	144	19	24	75	106	37	37	196	250
	1896	18	13	143	129	13	20	105	99	31	33	248	228
Port Elizabeth	1895	258	228	2	2	295	297	36	22	553	525	27	36
	1896	253	238	5	5	320	328	27	31	573	566	27	36
Port Nolloth ..	1895	6	5	..	..	15	10	16	7	21	15	16	8
	1896	11	10	2	..	19	17	10	7	30	27	12	7
Prieska ..	1895	32	23	56	43	12	12	34	35	44	35	90	78
	1896	16	16	41	44	5	11	28	34	21	27	69	78
Prince Albert ..	1895	19	19	70	67	13	15	49	44	32	34	119	111
	1896	20	27	62	73	15	14	57	58	35	41	119	131
Queenstown ..	1895	80	90	64	50	64	68	176	168	144	158	240	218
	1896	74	83	34	40	91	87	152	170	165	170	186	210
Richmond ..	1895	24	22	9	8	20	19	46	43	44	41	55	51
	1896	21	25	9	12	23	14	43	44	44	39	52	56
Riversdale ..	1895	10	12	109	110	23	20	76	68	33	32	185	178
	1896	16	12	93	85	19	16	92	62	35	28	185	147
Robertson ..	1895	55	61	65	73	76	52	85	55	131	113	150	128
	1896	69	60	65	73	65	70	79	66	134	130	144	139
Simon's Town ..	1895	30	40	7	9	42	35	3	5	72	75	10	14
	1896	34	39	6	8	45	38	3	9	79	77	9	17
Somerset East ..	1895	44	42	84	105	59	49	201	181	103	91	285	286
	1896	39	39	104	92	57	55	173	209	96	94	277	301
Stellenbosch ..	1895	25	25	31	31	102	80	101	108	127	105	132	124
	1896	23	24	37	25	94	95	96	99	117	119	133	124
Steynsburg ..	1895	41	33	23	14	15	16	19	15	56	49	42	35
	1896	28	26	18	23	14	21	17	12	42	47	35	21
Stockenstrom ..	1895	24	35	5	2	122	129	20	19	146	164	25	22
	1896	18	30	1	5	133	114	21	17	151	144	22	22
Stutterheim ..	1895	11	9	30	15	38	48	129	113	49	57	159	127
	1896	9	10	24	28	61	51	127	99	70	61	151	127
Sutherland ..	1895	4	4	46	27	2	3	20	10	6	7	66	51
	1896	4	3	35	30	4	10	13	21	8	13	48	149
Swellendam ..	1895	21	29	81	83	65	51	57	66	86	80	138	149
	1896	23	24	98	75	55	46	44	58	78	70	142	133
Tarka ..	1895	35	24	28	19	10	18	80	71	45	42	108	90
	1896	16	23	28	32	16	18	82	76	32	41	110	108
Tulbagh ..	1895	3	5	25	20	4	4	94	93	7	9	119	113
	1896	4	2	28	27	5	6	93	92	9	8	121	119
Uitenhage ..	1895	79	74	88	81	89	75	182	196	168	149	270	277
	1896	69	54	79	79	99	81	146	160	168	135	225	239
Uniondale ..	1895	9	4	82	73	27	29	94	80	36	33	176	153
	1896	11	10	70	72	21	36	63	75	32	46	133	147
Van Rhyn's Dorp	1895	8	2	23	43	2	4	30	29	10	6	53	72
	1896	6	7	36	32	5	5	34	23	11	12	70	55
Victoria East ..	1895	8	12	20	7	12	7	234	250	20	19	254	230
	1896	12	13	8	15	8	10	220	215	20	23	228	228
Victoria West ..	1895	18	17	29	27	7	12	13	32	25	24	42	34
	1896	26	23	36	23	16	13	20	11	42	36	56	140
Willowmore ..	1895	32	18	81	62	22	18	59	78	54	36	140	140
	1896	21	24	72	68	26	30	80	79	47	54	152	147

† Excluding 1 Male European at Sea.

No. 5.—Showing for White and for Coloured Persons the Number of Male and Female Births in Urban and Rural Areas of each District of the Colony and its Dependencies in 1895 and 1896, as far as registered, and as taken out to 15th April, 1897.

DISTRICT.	European or White.		European or White.		Total other than European or White.		Total other than European or White.		Total.		Total.		
	Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Wodehouse ..	1895	23	25	31	66	14	11	40	52	37	36	121	118
	1896	33	32	68	85	12	24	63	53	45	56	131	138
Worcester ..	1895	42	31	60	47	85	92	89	90	127	123	149	137
	1896	30	44	43	45	103	122	101	100	133	166	144	145
Wynberg ..	1895	190	189	42	42	260	279	130	125	450	468	172	167
	1896	190	185	52	43	290	287	132	111	480	472	184	154
Total for Colony Proper.	1895	3588	3382	3833	3561	4045	3917	7710	7803	7633	7299	11543	11364
	1896	3445	3398	3605	3489	4391	4279	7926	7794	7836	7677	11531	11283
EAST GRIQUALAND.													
Mount Currie ..	1895	8	9	15	9	27	27	94	105	35	36	109	114
	1896	15	5	10	11	18	23	94	84	33	28	104	95
Total for East Griqualand	1895	8	9	88	57	27	27	1650	1671	35	36	1738	1728
	1896	15	5	56	53	18	23	1401	1349	33	28	1467	1402
TEMBULAND.													
Elliot ..	1895	9	6	31	36	3	4	15	13	12	10	46	49
	1896	10	13	54	44	5	3	25	20	15	16	79	64
Umtata ..	1895	14	11	3	9	5	3	30	19	19	14	33	28
	1896	14	14	1	3	4	1	536	585	18	15	537	588
Xalanga ..	1895	10	13	1	..	3	3	58	70	13	16	59	70
	1896	9	7	..	2	6	3	39	50	15	10	39	52
Total for Tembuland.	1895	33	30	44	52	11	10	512	527	44	40	556	

TABLE I.—DEATHS AND CAUSES THEREOF.

RETURN No. 1. GENERAL SUMMARY—FIVE MAIN RACES.

Year	Total		Males		Females	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1895	10,000	100	5,000	100	5,000	100
1896	10,000	100	5,000	100	5,000	100

DEATHS AND CAUSES THEREOF.

1895 AND 1896.

- RETURN No. 1. GENERAL SUMMARY—FIVE MAIN RACES.
- " " 2. CITIES AND CHIEF TOWNS—FIVE MAIN RACES.
- " " 3. EACH DISTRICT—THREE RACES (WHITE, YELLOW-BROWN AND BLACK).
- " " 4. EACH DISTRICT—URBAN AND RURAL—TWO RACES.
- " " 5. EACH DISTRICT—CERTIFIED AND UNCERTIFIED CAUSES—TWO RACES.
- " " 6. AGES DETAILED—CLASS AND SUB-CLASS TOTALS.
- " " 7. EACH CAUSE—CERTIFIED AND UNCERTIFIED, UNDER AND OVER FIVE YEARS.
- " " 8. SPECIAL (CERTIFIED) CAUSES (16), EACH DISTRICT, UNDER AND OVER FIVE YEARS.

NOTE.—Last Return completed 4th September, 1897.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT,
 COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
 CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

DEATHS, 1895 AND 1896.—GENERAL SUMMARY.

No. 1.—RETURN showing for each of the five Main Races, the total Number of Male and Female Deaths which occurred during each of the years 1895 and 1896, in the Colony Proper, the Transkei, Walfish Bay and Bechuanaland. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1897).

TERRITORIES.	European or White.				Malay.				Hottentot.				Fingo, Kafir and Bechuana.			
	M.		F.		M.		F.		M.		F.		M.		F.	
	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896
Colony Proper ..	3537	3759	2982	2990	296	192	270	229	1172	1428	1185	1377	4626	4962	4018	4228
Transkeian Territories	70	70	56	53	..	2	..	..	15	12	13	15	3217	2757	3143	2644
Walfish Bay ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	6	3	..	..	..	..
Bechuanaland ..	10	93	5	82	..	..	..	..	1	33	2	35	5	196	9	130

DEATHS, 1895 AND 1896.—CITIES AND TOWNS.

No. 2.—RETURN showing for each of the five Main Races, the total Number of Male and Female Deaths which occurred in certain Cities and Chief Towns during each of the years 1895 and 1896, with memo., regarding Hospital Cases. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1897).

CITIES AND CHIEF TOWNS.	European or White.				Malay.				Hottentot.				Fingo, Kafir and Bechuana.			
	M.		F.		M.		F.		M.		F.		M.		F.	
	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896
Aliwal North ..	17	18	14	10	..	..	..	..	1	5	1	..	7	26	14	13
Beaufort West ..	24	39	20	20	..	..	..	..	1	2	26	4	24	5	9	6
Cape Town ..	446	381	322	219	203	126	200	155	6	10	1	2	35	38	6	4
Green and Sea Point	22	28	22	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Woodstock ..	91	61	82	62	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	3	2	..	..
Maitland ..	18	25	14	13	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	2	..	..
Mowbray ..	20	19	20	16	6	4	3	5	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Rondebosch ..	12	13	10	10	4	..	6	3	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Claremont ..	30	25	22	24	23	16	17	16	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	1
Wynberg ..	37	37	27	38	3	5	6	4	1	2	1	..	4	2	1	1
Simon's Town ..	13	14	15	17	3	5	..	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	1
Cradock ..	17	35	26	26	1	..	..	..	24	22	37	12	39	34	41	59
East London ..	52	59	47	40	..	..	..	..	4	5	4	6	52	33	22	21
Graaff-Reinet ..	42	43	42	46	2	..	..	..	9	9	4	5	29	46	20	38
Graham's Town ..	77	104	59	59	..	..	1	..	23	33	27	35	87	110	93	93
Kimberley ..	140	130	98	99	7	4	9	7	23	39	30	26	403	417	33	99
Beaconsfield ..	41	40	36	35	3	1	3	2	13	4	16	5	53	86	30	47
King William's Town	46	52	54	36	..	..	..	..	6	15	8	9	39	46	26	39
Malmesbury ..	17	14	12	14	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	1	1	..
Mossel Bay ..	9	13	7	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Oudtshoorn ..	27	52	23	36	..	..	..	..	2	4	..	3	3	2	..	3
Paarl ..	39	45	38	42	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Wellington ..	7	9	12	22	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port Elizabeth ..	179	205	121	154	17	19	14	20	8	11	7	14	118	223	97	203
Queenstown ..	31	46	23	29	..	..	..	..	12	3	17	10	66	76	43	52
Robertson ..	22	19	33	20	..	..	..	..	12	17	10	12	..	1	..	..
Somerset East ..	14	10	16	9	..	..	..	..	3	5	4	4	11	24	12	24
Stellenbosch ..	8	16	16	14	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	2	..	..
Uitenhage ..	38	37	26	28	1	3	2	3	14	17	25	36	39	66	54	60
Worcester ..	24	21	25	22	5	2	4	..	10	7	12	11	1	1	3	3

DEATHS, 1895 AND 1896.—GENERAL SUMMARY.

No. 1.—RETURN showing for each of the five Main Races, the total Number of Male and Female Deaths which occurred during each of the years 1895 and 1896, in the Colony Proper, the Transkei, Walfish Bay and Bechuanaland. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1897).

TERRITORIES.	Mixed and Other.				Total other than European or White.				Total.				Total.	Total.
	M.		F.		M.		F.		M.		F.		Persons.	Persons.
	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896
Colony Proper.	3445	3525	3374	3310	9539	10107	8847	9144	13076	13866	11829	12134	24905	26000
Transkeian Territories.	56	31	52	34	3288	2802	3208	2693	3358	2872	3264	2746	(a) 6622	(b) 6159
Walfish Bay.	..	..	..	..	4	4	6	3	4	6	6	3	10	9
Bechuanaland	5	68	5	29	11	287	16	194	21	390	21	276	(d) 42	(e) 666
													31579	32834

(a) Including 405 Male and 328 Female Natives (Fingoes and Kafirs) enumerated under numerical system, not detailed by Races.
 (b) Including 925 Male and 939 Female Natives (Fingoes and Kafirs) enumerated under numerical system, not detailed by Races, also 541 Natives enumerated without distinction of Sex.
 (c) Including 97 Male and 59 Female Natives (Fingoes and Kafirs) enumerated under numerical system, not detailed by Races.
 (d) Return for six weeks only in 1895 on account of annexation 15th November, 1895.

DEATHS, 1895 AND 1896.—CITIES AND TOWNS.

No. 2.—RETURN showing for each of the five Main Races, the total Number of Male and Female Deaths which occurred in certain Cities and Chief Towns during each of the years 1895 and 1896, with memo., regarding Hospital Cases. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1897).

CITIES AND CHIEF TOWNS.	Mixed and Other.				Total other than European or White.				Total.				Total.	Total.
	M.		F.		M.		F.		M.		F.		Persons.	Persons.
	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896	1895	1896
Aliwal North	4	5	9	8	12	35	24	21	29	54	38	31	67	85
Beaufort West	33	66	35	50	40	101	45	81	64	140	65	101	129	241
Cape Town	472	446	499	341	716	620	706	502	1162	1001	1023	721	2190	1722
Green and Sea Point	8	8	11	4	8	8	11	4	30	36	33	15	63	51
Woodstock	53	40	53	27	60	42	54	28	151	103	136	90	287	193
Maitland	27	27	27	33	29	29	28	35	47	54	42	48	89	102
Mowbray	29	19	37	17	35	23	41	22	55	42	61	38	116	80
Rondebosch	31	17	29	9	35	18	36	12	47	31	46	22	53	53
Claremont	56	39	73	54	83	55	90	71	113	80	122	95	235	175
Wynberg	51	60	50	58	59	69	58	63	6	106	85	101	181	207
Simon's Town	29	14	20	6	25	19	21	11	38	33	36	28	74	61
Cradock	17	29	13	25	81	85	91	96	98	122	117	122	215	242
East London	4	12	4	5	60	50	30	32	112	100	77	72	189	181
Graaff-Reinet	52	82	45	77	92	137	69	120	134	180	111	166	245	346
Graham's Town	16	29	31	23	126	172	152	151	203	276	211	210	414	486
Kimberley	124	90	63	76	557	550	185	208	697	680	283	307	980	987
Beaconsfield	25	30	28	23	94	121	77	77	135	161	113	112	248	273
King William's Town	1	..	1	46	61	35	49	92	113	89	85	85	181	198
Malmesbury	36	14	37	11	37	16	39	12	54	30	51	26	105	56
Mossel Bay	29	16	25	16	29	16	26	16	38	29	33	19	71	48
Oudtshoorn	67	100	61	98	72	106	61	104	99	158	84	140	183	298
Paarl	105	106	99	92	107	106	100	92	146	151	138	134	284	285
Wellington	21	20	23	21	21	20	23	21	28	29	35	43	63	72
Port Elizabeth	136	172	114	178	279	425	232	415	458	630	353	569	811	1199
Queenstown	10	8	10	5	88	87	70	67	119	133	93	96	212	229
Robertson	24	15	23	22	36	33	33	34	58	52	66	54	124	106
Somerset East	20	19	21	21	34	48	37	49	48	58	53	58	101	116
Stellenbosch	44	51	50	44	44	54	51	44	52	70	67	58	119	128
Uitenhage	26	11	20	17	80	87	101	116	118	124	127	144	245	268
Worcester	101	56	89	69	117	66	108	83	141	87	133	105	274	192

The number of included non-resident Hospital Cases was as follows in 1895 and 1896, viz.—Cape Town, 50 and 70; East London, 7 and 4; Graham's Town, 31 and 28; Kimberley, 117 and 77; King William's Town, 40 and 33; Port Elizabeth, 16 and 26; Queenstown, 31 and 24; Graaff-Reinet, 0 and 3.

DEATHS BY RACES, EACH DISTRICT, 1895 AND 1896.

No. 3.—RETURN showing for each District and by groups of Races (White, Yellow-brown and Black), the number of Male and Female Deaths, which occurred in 1895 and 1896. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1897.)

DISTRICT.	1895.		1896.		1895.		1896.		1895.		1896.		1895.		1896.		1895.	1896.		
	European or White.		European or White.		Malay, Hottentot, Mixed and Other.		Malay, Hottentot, Mixed and Other.		Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.		Fingo, Kaffir and Bechuana.		Total.		Total.				Total.	Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
Aberdeen	20	28	25	21	31	20	60	45	8	10	33	11	59	58	118	77	117	105		
Albany	91	75	117	70	51	72	84	75	188	167	196	194	330	314	397	339	644	736		
Albert	62	65	89	67	27	29	30	25	84	59	85	72	173	153	204	164	326	368		
Alexandria	14	10	9	11	25	23	21	17	62	57	63	61	101	90	93	89	191	182		
Aliwal North	56	32	41	33	14	18	11	25	27	60	38	95	77	119	82	172	201			
Barkly East	36	30	11	19	14	7	8	2	30	15	23	12	80	52	42	33	132	75		
Barkly West	41	33	36	30	50	63	57	51	191	152	140	56	282	248	233	137	530	370		
Bathurst	12	9	12	8	7	12	6	12	115	124	76	67	134	145	94	87	279	181		
Beaufort West	41	37	61	32	61	64	112	98	12	9	14	10	114	110	187	140	224	327		
Bedford	22	12	15	17	16	23	25	23	59	55	79	73	97	90	119	113	187	232		
Bredasdorp	33	16	33	23	41	39	69	56	..	..	..	..	74	55	102	79	129	181
Britstown	25	20	20	30	26	21	34	34	16	14	17	12	67	55	71	76	122	147		
Caledon	52	51	57	38	114	101	88	68	1	..	..	..	167	152	146	106	319	252
Calvinia	32	28	35	36	28	30	49	55	7	4	6	3	67	62	90	94	129	184		
Cape	622	464	555	323	883	884	780	635	47	8	45	7	1552	1356	1380	965	2908	2345		
Carnarvon	42	32	29	25	42	29	36	42	13	18	16	15	97	79	81	82	176	163		
Cathcart	14	10	19	10	..	2	4	1	27	29	39	32	41	62	43	82	105	105		
Ceres	21	23	27	23	42	55	54	50	2	..	1	..	65	78	82	73	143	155		
Clanwilliam	24	25	19	26	37	41	70	55	5	..	2	..	66	66	89	83	132	172		
Colesberg	17	23	28	30	27	16	53	49	25	15	34	25	69	54	115	104	123	219		
Craddock	44	57	68	53	56	62	65	61	78	71	82	92	178	190	215	206	368	421		
East London	68	61	72	48	14	11	24	14	222	230	184	173	304	302	280	235	606	515		
Fort Beaufort	22	14	24	14	19	9	33	19	91	81	145	115	132	104	202	148	236	350		
Fraserburg	26	24	35	30	21	20	31	20	3	2	2	3	50	46	68	53	96	121		
George	31	26	39	31	39	42	44	49	5	1	4	4	75	69	87	84	144	171		
Glen Grey (imperfect)	5	3	7	2	..	..	1	1	263	256	202	180	268	259	210	183	527	393
Graaff-Reinet	68	61	69	67	97	75	113	114	55	49	90	74	220	185	272	255	405	527		
Hanover	12	14	16	17	27	24	31	37	12	11	16	17	51	49	63	71	100	134		
Hay	28	29	34	26	29	33	31	15	16	13	13	14	73	75	78	55	148	133		
Herbert	19	12	25	15	22	19	19	21	35	28	31	33	76	59	75	69	135	144		
Herschel	1	..	..	2	10	9	8	2	215	221	213	187	226	230	221	191	456	412
Hope Town	24	12	18	12	19	19	29	14	9	4	13	5	52	35	60	31	87	91		
Humansdorp	21	25	23	20	61	60	59	74	37	29	37	36	119	114	119	130	233	249		
Jansenville	39	44	41	43	21	26	29	33	47	50	56	40	107	120	126	116	227	242		
Kenhardt	19	16	24	14	21	22	27	19	1	3	2	..	41	41	53	33	82	86		
Kimberley	202	157	180	146	208	163	184	159	497	140	530	162	897	460	894	467	1357	1361		
King William's Town	66	75	80	54	14	21	21	14	828	840	883	958	908	936	984	1026	1844	2010		
Knyssa	22	23	19	18	36	29	44	30	3	1	5	3	61	53	68	51	114	119		
Komgha	6	8	6	10	3	3	..	..	100	84	55	41	109	95	61	51	204	112
Ladismith	29	22	33	35	23	43	35	42	2	..	2	..	54	65	70	78	119	148		
Malmesbury	89	64	100	94	183	196	185	141	10	4	6	..	282	264	291	235	546	526		
Middelburg	27	24	28	33	37	27	36	36	19	15	33	41	83	66	97	110	149	207		
Mossel Bay	27	18	29	17	41	39	34	35	..	2	2	..	68	59	65	52	127	117		
Murraysburg	11	10	7	10	15	15	31	34	5	..	2	2	31	25	40	46	56	86		
Namaqualand	26	18	22	22	149	130	161	180	12	8	27	10	187	156	210	212	343	422		
Oudtshoorn	81	75	122	116	180	165	245	275	7	2	11	10	268	242	378	401	510	779		
Paarl	106	86	82	92	278	255	239	208	3	3	..	..	387	344	321	300	731	621
Peddie	6	11	6	9	2	1	2	3	196	264	163	152	204	276	171	164	480	335		
Phillipstown	21	24	27	19	27	19	24	26	10	2	7	4	58	45	58	49	103	107		
Piquetberg	58	32	68	71	55	59	81	101	..	..	..	..	113	91	149	173	204	322
Port Elizabeth	184	124	214	159	178	158	216	230	127	101	228	210	489	383	658	599	872	1257		
Port Nolloth	3	1	4	7	22	18	41	33	1	..	1	..	26	19	46	40	45	86		
Prieska	22	17	20	15	20	17	17	18	16	7	16	13	58	41	53	46	99	99		
Prince Albert	28	27	48	47	40	44	66	68	6	3	11	6	74	74	125	121	148	246		
Queenstown	56	49	69	51	43	42	17	27	170	142	168	164	269	233	254	242	502	496		
Richmond	16	13	24	21	25	29	35	42	16	3	7	12	57	45	66	75	102	141		
Riversdale	36	33	49	38	40	59	57	57	..	..	..	..	76	92	108	95	168	203
Robertson	75	89	60	57	137	127	107	108	3	..	1	..	215	216	168	165	431	333		
Simon's Town	26	30	36	27	36	36	33	25	2	1	..	2	64	67	69	51	131	123		
Somerset East	48	50	51	49	50	63	67	62	77	69	103	110	175	182	221	221	357	442		
Stellenbosch	39	39	39	36	170	165	136	110	3	3	4	..	212	207	179	146	419	325		
Steynsburg	20	12	33	29	7	13	11	19	7	8	17	14	34	33	61	62	87	123		
Stockenström	13	11	12	11	24	40	39	41	56	58	94	84	93	109	145	136	202	281		
Stutterheim	6	8	9	8	11	5	3	1	65	51	61	60	82	64	73	69	146	142		
Sutherland	16	14	25	15	13	10	9	20	1	1	2	3	30	25	36	38	55	74		
Swellendam	56	59	59	49	59	73	62	111	..	1	..	..	116	133	121	160	248	281
Tarka	18	12	35	20	12	15	23	33	36	35	40	63	60	85	83	123	168			
Tulbagh	15	11	18	16	76	70	67	72	2	..	1	..	93	81	86	88	174	174		
Uitenhage	61	42	79	50	90	104	89	105	115	138	153	180	266	284	321	335	550	656		
Uniondale	33	29	24	23	36	53	36	58	10	10	7	10	79	92	67	91	171	158		
Van Rhy'n's Dorp	11	7	12	6	31	23	15	31	1	1	..	..	43	30	28	38	73	66
Victoria East	4	4	8	6	3	5	5	4	12											

URBAN AND RURAL DEATHS, 1895 AND 1896.

No. 4.—RETURN showing for each District of the Colony Proper and for certain Districts of the Transkei the Number of Male and Female European and Coloured Deaths which occurred in Urban and Rural Areas in each of the years 1895 and 1896. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1897.)

DISTRICT.	European or White.		European or White.		Total other than European or White.		Total other than European or White.		Total.		Total.		
	Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.		Urban.		Rural.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Wodehouse ..	{ 1895	8	2	33	38	12	12	45	33	20	14	78	71
	{ 1896	4	7	30	22	17	13	46	34	21	20	76	56
Worcester ..	{ 1895	24	26	27	22	118	108	63	58	142	134	90	80
	{ 1896	21	22	33	20	69	85	58	33	90	107	91	53
Wynberg ..	{ 1895	99	89	23	16	212	225	97	70	311	314	120	86
	{ 1896	94	88	33	22	165	168	88	73	259	256	121	95
Total for Colony Proper.	{ 1895*	2100	1759	1414	1220	4339	3876	5194	4971	6439	5635	6608	6191
	{ 1896†	2254	1710	1465	1275	4942	4204	5156	4940	7196	5914	6621	6215
EAST GRIQUALAND.													
Mount Currie ..	{ 1895	5	5	3	4	26	15	61	60	31	20	64	64
	{ 1896	5	1	1	1	17	24	44	35	22	25	45	36
Total for East Griqualand	{ 1895	5	5	21	19	26	15	1147	1143	31	20	1168	1162
	{ 1896	5	1	19	16	17	24	807	787	22	25	826	803
TEMBULAND.													
Elliot ..	{ 1895	2	..	11	14	3	7	25	9	5	7	36	23
	{ 1896	3	2	17	14	..	4	18	19	3	6	35	33
Umtata ..	{ 1895	7	4	3	2	9	13	54	54	16	17	57	56
	{ 1896	6	4	..	3	9	9	358	365	15	13	358	368
Xalanga ..	{ 1895	6	1	..	..	8	4	59	50	14	5	59	50
	{ 1896	5	6	..	..	4	4	47	31	9	10	47	31
Total for Tembuland.	{ 1895	15	5	21	18	20	24	699	621	35	29	720	639
	{ 1896	14	12	26	18	13	17	1041	1037	27	29	1067	1055
Total for Transkei	{ 1895	..	..	8	9	..	..	1396	1405	..	..	1404	1414
	{ 1896†	..	..	6	6	..	..	924	828	..	..	930	834
WALFISH BAY.													
Walfish Bay ..	{ 1895	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	6	..	..	4	6
	{ 1896	..	..	1	..	..	..	4	3	..	..	5	3
BECHUANALAND.													
Gordonia ..	1896	6	3	4	6	23	17	39	31	29	20	43	37
Kuruman ..	1896	..	..	2	3	..	..	35	31	..	..	37	34
Mafeking ..	1896	8	15	14	7	34	7	109	64	42	22	123	71
Vryburg ..	1896	19	15	40	33	25	19	32	25	44	34	72	58
Total for Bechuanaland	1896	33	33	60	49	82	43	215	151	115	76	275	200

* 32 cases which occurred at Sea not included. † 54 cases which occurred at Sea not included.
 ‡ 375 cases excluded; returned under Numerical System without distinction of Sex.
 Bechuanaland figures for 1895 not printed as they only relate to the events of 6 weeks.

CERTIFIED AND UNCERTIFIED CAUSES OF DEATH, 1895 AND 1896.

No. 5.—RETURN showing for each District of the Colony Proper and for the Transkeian Territories, Walfish Bay and Bechuanaland, the number of Certified and of Uncertified Deaths of Males and Females, White and Black, under and over five years of age.—(Events taken out to 15th April, 1897.)

DISTRICT.	CERTIFIED.												Total Persons.	Total All Races.
	Under Five Years.		Over Five Years.		Ages Unspecified.		Total All Ages.		Total	Total				
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.						
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.						
Aberdeen ..	{ 1895	E	5	6	2	6	..	..	7	12	19	..
	{ 1896	C	3	..	2	3	1	..	6	3	9	28		
	{ 1895	E	6	7	6	1	..	..	12	8	20	..
	{ 1896	C	2	7	12	2	..	..	14	9	23	43
	{ 1895	E	16	16	59	39	..	..	75	55	130	..
	{ 1896	C	12	15	38	37	..	1	50	53	103	233		
Albany ..	{ 1895	E	30	25	80	31	..	..	110	56	166	..
	{ 1896	C	18	19	51	20	3	1	72	40	112	278		
	{ 1895	E	21	25	21	16	..	..	42	41	83	..
	{ 1896	C	20	23	16	14	3	..	39	37	76	159		
Albert ..	{ 1895	E	24	17	27	23	..	..	51	40	91	..
	{ 1896	C	30	23	30	24	1	1	61	48	109	200		
	{ 1895	E	2	1	3	2	..	..	5	3	8	..
	{ 1896	C	5	3	5	1	1	1	11	5	16	24		
Alexandria ..	{ 1895	E	1	1	3	2	..	..	4	3	7	..
	{ 1896	C	4	2	4	2	..	..	8	4	12	19
	{ 1895	E	17	11	22	8	..	..	39	19	58	..
	{ 1896	C	11	18	12	10	..	..	23	28	51	109
Aliwal North ..	{ 1895	E	13	11	15	15	..	..	28	26	54	..
	{ 1896	C	24	13	25	16	..	..	49	29	78	132
	{ 1895	E	4	2	4	4	..	..	8	6	14	..
	{ 1896	C	1	3	2	..	..	3	4	7	21	
Barkly East ..	{ 1895	E	2	3	..	..	..	..	2	2	4	..
	{ 1896	C	2	2	3	1	..	..	5	2	7	13
	{ 1895	E	7	3	14	6	..	..	21	9	30	..
	{ 1896	C	6	6	24	12	1	..	31	18	49	79		
Barkly West ..	{ 1895	E	10	4	9	5	..	..	19	9	28	..
	{ 1896	C	7	3	27	8	..	..	34	11	45	73
	{ 1895	E	..	..	5	4	..	..	5	4	9	..
	{ 1896	C	..	1	4	7	..	1	4	9	13	22		
Bathurst ..	{ 1895	E	..	..	8	5	..	..	8	5	13	..
	{ 1896	C	..	..	8	5	..	..	8	5	13	21
	{ 1895	E	13	12	10	7	..	..	23	19	42	..
	{ 1896	C	19	19	13	13	1	..	33	32	65	107		
Beaufort West..	{ 1895	E	20	13	20	5	..	..	40	18	58	..
	{ 1896	C	28	20	24	11	..	..	52	31	83	141
	{ 1895	E	1	..	4	4	..	..	5	4	9	..
	{ 1896	C	3	..	1	1	..	..	4	1	5	18
Bedford ..	{ 1895	E	1	1	4	4	..	..	5	5	10	..
	{ 1896	C	3	2	4	3	..	..	7	5	12	22
	{ 1895	E	1	..	2	2	..	..	3	2	5	..
	{ 1896	C	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	1	2	7
Bredasdorp ..	{ 1895	E	1	3	5	1	..	..	6	4	10	..
	{ 1896	C	7	9	7	6	..	..	14	15	29	39
	{ 1895	E	13	8	5	6	..	..	18	14	32	..
	{ 1896	C	9	11	9	7	1	..	19	18	37	69		
Britstown ..	{ 1895	E	8	13	10	12	..	..	18	25	43	..
	{ 1896	C	14	13	19	14	..	..	33	27	60	103
	{ 1895	E	2	5	14	11	..	..	16	16	32	..
	{ 1896	C	6	8	7	3	..	..	13	11	24	56
Caledon ..	{ 1895	E	9	3	13	6	..	..	22	9	31	..
	{ 1896	C	6	1	6	1	..	..	12	2	14	45
	{ 1895	E	1	1	7	2	..	..	7	3	10	..
	{ 1896	C	1	4	9	6	1	..	11	10	21	31		
Calvinia ..	{ 1895	E	1	1	4	3	..	..	5	4	9	..
	{ 1896	C	7	3	7	6	..	..	14	9	23	32
	{ 1895	E	180	173	256	147	3	..	439	320	759	..		
	{ 1896	C	446	431	243	244	5	4	694	679	1373	2132		
Cape Town ..	{ 1895	E	114	86	260	131	..	..	374	217	591	..
	{ 1896	C	291	250	301	232	6	3	598	485	1083	1674		
	{ 1895	E	77	79	84	47	1	..	162	126	288	..		
	{ 1896	C	64	79	95	53	1	1	160	133	293	581		
Cape District ..	{ 1895	E	75	49	65	45	1	..	141	94	235	..		
	{ 1896	C	53	44	105	52	1	..	159	96	255	490		
	{ 1895	E	11	8	11	10	..	..	22	18	40	..
	{ 1896	C	6	7	12	5	..	..	18	12	30	70
Carnarvon ..	{ 1895	E	7	7	2	5	..	..	9	12	21	..
	{ 1896	C	13	12	12	21	..	..	25	33	58	79
	{ 1895	E	4	2	6	2	10	4	14	..		
	{ 1896	C	3	1	7	1	10	2	12	26		
Cathcart ..	{ 1895	E	2	3	5	1	7	4	11	..		
	{ 1896	C	3	1	4	7	1	8	19		

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DISTRICT.	UNCERTIFIED.										Total Persons.	Total All Races.
	Under Five Years.		Over Five Years.		Ages Unspecified.		Total All Ages.		Total Persons.	Total All Races.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
Aberdeen	1895	E	5	6	8	10	..	..	13	16	29	..
		C	20	15	12	11	1	1	33	27	60	89
	1896	E	5	9	8	4	..	..	13	13	26	..
		C	49	27	29	20	1	..	79	47	126	152
Albany	1895	E	6	8	10	12	..	..	16	20	36	..
		C	117	96	67	86	5	4	189	186	375	411
	1896	E	3	8	4	6	..	..	7	14	21	..
		C	136	151	70	72	2	6	208	229	437	458
Albert	1895	E	13	11	7	13	..	..	20	24	44	..
		C	35	30	34	21	3	..	72	51	123	107
	1896	E	19	13	19	14	..	..	38	27	65	..
		C	30	34	24	15	..	..	54	49	103	108
Alexandria	1895	E	3	5	6	2	..	..	9	7	16	..
		C	43	46	23	20	10	9	76	75	151	167
	1896	E	4	5	1	3	..	..	5	8	13	..
		C	41	49	30	20	5	5	76	74	150	163
Aliwal North	1895	E	9	6	8	7	..	..	17	13	30	..
		C	9	7	7	10	..	..	16	17	33	63
	1896	E	10	1	3	6	..	..	13	7	20	..
		C	16	10	13	10	..	..	29	20	49	69
Barkly East	1895	E	18	14	10	10	..	..	28	24	52	..
		C	28	10	11	8	2	..	41	18	59	111
	1896	E	7	7	2	8	..	..	9	15	24	..
		C	17	4	9	8	..	..	26	12	38	62
Barkly West	1895	E	14	20	6	4	..	..	20	24	44	..
		C	108	118	101	73	1	6	210	197	407	451
	1896	E	13	14	4	7	..	..	17	21	38	..
		C	68	53	91	43	4	..	163	96	259	297
Bathurst	1895	E	2	1	5	4	..	..	7	5	12	..
		C	80	88	37	39	1	..	118	127	245	257
	1896	E	2	2	4	1	..	..	4	3	7	..
		C	47	34	35	37	..	..	82	71	153	160
Beaufort West	1895	E	9	5	9	13	..	..	18	18	36	..
		C	28	29	12	12	..	..	40	41	81	117
	1896	E	17	9	4	5	..	..	21	14	35	..
		C	53	47	20	29	1	1	74	77	151	186
Bedford	1895	E	11	4	6	4	..	..	17	8	25	..
		C	42	49	25	28	..	..	67	77	144	169
	1896	E	5	8	5	4	..	..	10	12	22	..
		C	66	63	31	28	..	..	97	91	188	210
Bredasdorp	1895	E	17	6	13	8	..	..	30	14	44	..
		C	20	24	20	14	..	..	40	38	78	122
	1896	E	15	13	12	6	..	..	27	19	46	..
		C	34	26	21	15	..	..	55	41	96	142
Britstown	1895	E	5	4	2	2	..	..	7	6	13	..
		C	9	11	10	5	4	1	23	17	40	53
	1896	E	1	2	1	3	..	..	2	5	7	..
		C	8	10	9	9	1	..	18	19	37	44
Caledon	1895	E	17	11	19	24	..	..	36	35	71	..
		C	64	51	37	39	1	..	102	90	192	263
	1896	E	17	16	18	13	..	..	35	29	64	..
		C	46	32	31	34	..	..	77	66	143	207
Calvinia	1895	E	14	15	11	10	..	..	25	25	50	..
		C	12	9	12	15	..	..	24	24	48	98
	1896	E	19	17	11	15	..	..	30	32	62	..
		C	16	19	24	30	1	..	41	49	90	152
Cape Town	1895	E	7	..	..	5	..	..	7	2	9	..
		C	17	22	5	5	..	..	22	27	49	58
	1896	E	5	2	..	..	..	..	7	2	9	..
		C	18	15	4	2	..	..	22	17	39	48
Cape District	1895	E	6	9	8	7	..	..	14	16	30	..
		C	36	35	18	17	..	1	54	53	107	137
	1896	E	4	2	27	8	2	..	33	10	43	..
		C	22	23	22	21	2	..	46	44	90	133
Carnarvon	1895	E	13	5	7	9	..	..	20	14	34	..
		C	24	13	12	22	1	..	37	35	72	106
	1896	E	14	9	6	4	..	2	20	13	33	..
		C	10	6	17	16	..	..	27	24	51	84
Cathcart	1895	E	3	2	1	4	4	6	10	..
		C	13	18	4	10	..	1	17	29	46	56
	1896	E	6	1	6	5	12	6	18	..
		C	26	22	10	10	36	32	68	86

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DISTRICT.	CERTIFIED.										Total Persons.	Total All Races.
	Under Five Years.		Over Five Years.		Ages Unspecified.		Total All Ages.		Total Persons.	Total All Races.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
Ceres	1895	E	5	6	3	5	..	..	8	11	19	..
		C	11	19	6	12	..	..	17	31	48	67
	1896	E	4	3	11	5	..	..	15	8	23	..
		C	15	12	11	11	..	..	26	23	49	72
Clanwilliam	1895	E	3	1	1	1	..	1	7	7	14	..
		C	3	4	4	2	..	..	1	3	4	..
	1896	E	6	5	2	2	..	..	8	7	15	..
		C	4	5	7	6	..	..	11	11	22	..
Colesberg	1895	E	11	7	13	13	..	..	24	20	44	66
		C	9	12	8	6	..	..	17	18	35	..
	1896	E	29	19	33	24	2	..	64	43	107	142
		C	14	23	18	14	..	..	32	37	69	..
Craddock	1895	E	13	11	19	14	..	..	32	25	57	126
		C	24	22	28	9	..	..	52	31	83	..
	1896	E	8	15	15	11	..	..	23	26	49	132
		C	26	29	28	17	..	..	54	46	100	..
East London	1895	E	18	13	36	10	..	..	54	23	77	177
		C	23	13	38	23	2	..	63	36	99	..
	1896	E	12	12	25	6	..	..	37	18	55	154
		C	5	5	14	7	..	..	19	12	31	..
Fort Beaufort	1895	E	2	..	14	5	..	..	16	5	21	52
		C	7	6	8	3	..	..	15	9	24	..
	1896	E	6	8	9	3	..	..	15	11	26	50
		C	4	..	4	2	..	1	8	5	13	20
Fraserburg	1895	E	4	4	4	5	..	..	8	9	17	..
		C	9	8	7	5	..	..	16	13	29	46
	1896	E	5	2	6	8	..	..	11	10	21	..
		C	5	6	8	7	..	..	13	13	26	47
George	1895	E	10	4	8	7	..	..	18	11	29	..
		C	3	4	7	8	..	..	10	12	22	51
	1896	E	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	2	4	..
		C	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
Glen Grey	1895	E	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
		C	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
	1896	E	23	15	31	26	..	..	54	41	95	..
		C	24	28	44	17	..	1	68	46	114	209
Graaff-Reinet	1895	E	23	18	27	28	..	..	50	46	96	..
		C	40	25	37	21	..	..	77	46	123	219
	1896	E	4	2	4	4	..	..	8	6	14	..
		C	6	7	9	5	..	2	15	14	29	43
Hanover	1895	E	1	4	8	7	..	..	9	11	20	..
		C	16	17	14	8	1	..	31	25	56	76
	1896	E	1	3	3	1	..	..	4	4	8	..
		C	2	6	9	6	..	..	11	12	23	31
Hay	1895	E	4	4	6	1	..	..	10	5	15	..
		C	1	1	8	5	..	..	9	6	15	30
	1896	E	..	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	2	..
		C	..	1	3	..	..	..	4	..	4	..
Herbert	1895	E	4	..	2	..	..	..	6	..	6	..
		C	1	1	4	..	..	..	6	..	6	..
	1896	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Herschel	1895	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
		C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hope Town	1895	E	5	2	6	7	..	..	11	9	20	..
		C	2	4	2	5	4	9	13	33
	1896	E	4	2	5	2	9	4	13	..
		C	3	3	9	2	12	5	17	30
Humansdorp	1895	E	2	2	3	3	..	2	7	3	10	..
		C	2	2	5	7	2		

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DISTRICT.	UNCERTIFIED.										Total Persons.	Total All Races.
	Under Five Years.		Over Five Years.		Ages Unspecified.		Total All Ages.		Total	Total		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
Ceres	1895	E	7	6	6	6	..	..	13	12	25	..
	1895	C	17	15	10	9	..	..	27	24	51	76
	1896	E	7	8	5	7	..	..	12	15	27	..
	1896	C	20	19	9	8	..	..	29	27	56	83
Clanwilliam	1895	E	5	7	18	16	..	..	23	23	46	..
	1895	C	11	12	23	19	1	3	35	34	69	115
	1896	E	5	13	13	10	..	..	18	23	41	..
	1896	C	38	30	24	19	..	1	62	50	112	153
Colesberg	1895	E	4	6	2	6	..	..	6	12	18	..
	1895	C	11	5	17	6	..	..	28	11	39	57
	1896	E	8	4	3	8	..	..	11	12	23	..
	1896	C	7	20	16	11	..	..	23	31	54	77
Cradock	1895	E	7	12	5	8	..	..	12	20	32	..
	1895	C	79	70	23	38	..	..	102	108	210	242
	1896	E	11	15	5	7	..	..	16	22	38	..
	1896	C	85	86	39	41	..	..	124	127	251	289
East London	1895	E	3	7	11	8	..	..	14	15	29	..
	1895	C	114	130	67	88	1	..	182	218	400	429
	1896	E	5	6	4	6	..	..	9	12	21	..
	1896	C	102	92	69	77	..	..	171	169	340	361
Fort Beaufort	1895	E	3	1	..	1	..	..	3	2	5	..
	1895	C	67	36	27	49	..	..	94	85	179	184
	1896	E	2	3	7	2	..	..	9	5	14	..
	1896	C	117	74	46	49	..	..	163	123	286	300
Fraserburg	1895	E	13	12	8	10	..	..	21	22	43	..
	1895	C	7	8	9	9	..	..	16	17	33	..
	1896	E	13	12	14	9	..	..	27	21	48	76
	1896	C	11	6	6	4	..	..	17	10	27	..
George	1895	E	8	9	12	7	..	..	20	16	36	..
	1895	C	16	10	15	20	..	..	31	30	61	97
	1896	E	11	9	10	11	..	..	21	20	41	..
	1896	C	23	23	15	17	..	1	38	41	79	120
Glen Grey	1895	E	1	1	3	..	..	..	4	1	5	..
	1895	C	127	133	132	120	2	..	261	256	517	522
	1896	E	3	1	2	..	..	..	5	1	6	..
	1896	C	76	77	126	104	..	..	202	181	383	389
Graaff-Reinet	1895	E	7	12	7	8	..	..	14	20	34	..
	1895	C	56	51	27	25	1	..	84	78	162	196
	1896	E	14	13	5	8	..	2	19	21	40	..
	1896	C	83	100	43	42	..	..	126	142	268	308
Hanover	1895	E	4	2	..	6	..	..	4	8	12	..
	1895	C	13	12	9	7	2	..	24	21	45	57
	1896	E	4	2	3	4	..	..	7	6	13	..
	1896	C	8	20	8	8	..	..	16	29	45	58
Hay	1895	E	16	11	8	14	..	..	24	25	49	..
	1895	C	18	13	16	21	..	..	34	34	68	117
	1896	E	13	17	11	4	..	..	24	21	45	..
	1896	C	15	15	20	8	..	..	35	23	58	103
Herbert	1895	E	10	2	7	10	..	..	17	12	29	..
	1895	C	23	23	30	23	..	..	53	46	99	128
	1896	E	11	9	8	6	..	..	19	15	34	..
	1896	C	25	23	20	30	..	..	45	53	98	132
Herschel	1895	E	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
	1895	C	122	123	103	106	..	1	225	230	455	456
	1896	E	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..
	1896	C	118	95	102	94	..	..	220	189	409	411
Hope Town	1895	E	8	..	5	3	..	..	13	3	16	..
	1895	C	11	3	13	9	..	2	24	14	38	54
	1896	E	6	6	3	2	..	..	9	8	17	..
	1896	C	14	9	16	5	..	..	30	14	44	61
Humansdorp	1895	E	8	5	6	17	..	..	14	22	36	..
	1895	C	53	38	37	49	1	..	91	87	178	214
	1896	E	10	7	7	10	..	..	17	17	34	..
	1896	C	61	53	34	53	..	..	95	106	201	235
Jansenville	1895	E	25	18	10	19	..	..	35	37	72	..
	1895	C	38	40	21	27	..	..	59	67	126	198
	1896	E	19	16	10	19	..	..	29	35	64	..
	1896	C	43	38	32	27	..	..	75	65	140	204
Kenhardt	1895	E	7	6	7	7	14	13	27	..
	1895	C	10	11	13	14	20	25	45	72
	1896	E	..	6	8	6	18	12	30	..
	1896	C	8	4	14	11	22	15	37	67

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	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.				
Kimberley	1895	E	99	77	87	63	2	..	188	140	328	..
	1895	C	127	121	413	83	50	8	590	212	802	1130
	1896	E	76	68	95	63	..	..	171	131	302	..
	1896	C	111	90	459	89	7	..	577	179	756	1058
King William's Town	1895	E	24	24	26	36	..	..	50	60	110	..
	1895	C	15	12	25	15	1	2	41	29	70	180
	1896	E	26	12	32	26	1	..	59	38	97	..
	1896	C	18	12	29	23	1	..	48	35	83	180
Knysna	1895	E	4	1	3	5	..	1	7	7	14	..
	1895	C	4	6	3	4	..	..	7	10	17	31
	1896	E	3	3	3	1	..	..	6	4	10	..
	1896	C	7	5	6	2	..	..	13	7	20	30
Komgha	1895	E	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..
	1895	C	1	..	1	1	..	..	2	1	3	5
	1896	E	2	2	1	3	..	..	3	5	8	..
	1896	C	..	1	4	..	..	..	4	1	5	13
Ladismith	1895	E	2	1	1	..	..	..	3	1	4	..
	1895	C	2	1	3	5	..	..	5	6	11	15
	1896	E	2	1	..	1	..	..	2	2	4	..
	1896	C	3	3	..	1	..	..	3	4	7	11
Malmesbury	1895	E	12	6	17	15	..	..	29	21	50	..
	1895	C	25	28	17	12	1	2	43	42	85	135
	1896	E	17	15	16	11	..	..	33	26	59	..
	1896	C	16	14	15	16	1	..	32	30	62	121
Middelburg	1895	E	8	4	5	9	..	..	13	13	26	..
	1895	C	8	5	8	8	..	..	16	13	29	55
	1896	E	9	11	5	8	..	..	14	19	33	..
	1896	C	12	16	12	15	..	..	24	31	55	88
Mossel Bay	1895	E	3	4	7	5	..	..	10	9	19	..
	1895	C	9	4	7	15	1	..	17	19	36	55
	1896	E	4	..	11	2	..	..	15	2	17	..
	1896	C	4	6	5	5	..	..	9	11	20	37
Murraysburg	1895	E	1	..	8	6	..	..	9	6	15	..
	1895	C	9	2	5	5	..	..	14	7	21	36
	1896	E	1	5	3	5	..	..	4	10	14	..
	1896	C	9	11	8	8	..	..	17	19	36	50
Namaqualand	1895	E	1	2	11	..	..	..	12	2	14	..
	1895	C	4	10	24	17	4	1	32	28	60	74
	1896	E	..	3	3	2	..	..	3	5	8	..
	1896	C	23	20	24	18	2	1	49	39	88	96
Oudtshoorn	1895	E	11	9	25	19	..	..	36	28	64	..
	1895	C	10	9	12	9	1	..	23	18	41	105
	1896	E	20	11	14	16	..	..	34	27	61	..
	1896	C	20	11	12	14	..	..	32	25	57	118
Paarl	1895	E	23	18	36	37	..	..	59	55	114	..
	1895	C	81	65	42	43	1	..	124	108	232	346
	1896	E	28	27	28	40	..	..	56	67	123	..
	1896	C	70	68	43	39	..	..	113	107	220	343
Peddie	1895	E	3	..	1	3	..	..	4	3	7	..
	1895	C	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	8
	1896	E	..	1	3	4	..	..	3	5	8	..
	1896	C	..	..	2	1	..	..	2	1	3	11
Philip's Town	1895	E	5	4	6	9	11	13	24	..
	1895	C	4	2	7	1	1	..	12	3	15	39
	1896	E	8	2	9	8	17	10	27	..
	1896	C	1	3	5	3	6	6	12	

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Kimberley	1895	E	9	7	5	10	14	17	31	227
	1896	C	50	58	53	31	2	2	105	91	196	27
	1895	E	5	8	4	7	9	15	24	..
	1896	C	89	99	48	43	..	..	137	142	279	303
King William's Town	1895	E	3	8	13	7	..	..	16	15	31	..
	1896	C	464	504	285	280	52	48	801	832	1633	1664
	1895	E	13	10	8	6	..	..	21	16	37	..
	1896	C	462	529	347	363	47	45	856	937	1793	1830
Knysna	1895	E	6	11	9	5	..	..	15	16	31	..
	1896	C	16	8	13	12	3	..	32	20	52	83
	1895	E	7	4	6	10	..	..	13	14	27	..
	1896	C	23	11	13	15	..	..	36	26	62	89
Komgha	1895	E	4	2	2	4	..	..	6	6	12	..
	1896	C	68	65	33	19	..	2	101	86	187	199
	1895	E	3	4	..	1	..	..	3	5	8	..
	1896	C	29	19	22	21	..	..	51	40	91	99
	1895	E	16	10	10	11	..	..	26	21	47	..
	1896	C	13	19	7	18	..	..	20	37	57	104
Ladismith	1895	E	23	17	8	16	..	..	31	33	64	..
	1896	C	20	23	14	16	..	..	34	39	73	137
	1895	E	27	24	33	19	..	..	60	43	103	..
	1896	C	97	104	52	52	1	2	150	158	308	411
Malmesbury	1895	E	38	41	29	27	..	..	67	68	135	..
	1896	C	98	69	60	40	1	2	159	111	270	405
	1895	E	5	6	9	5	..	..	14	11	25	..
	1896	C	18	13	21	13	1	3	40	29	69	94
Middelburg	1895	E	7	6	7	8	..	..	14	14	28	..
	1896	C	33	30	12	16	..	..	45	46	91	119
	1895	E	8	6	9	3	..	..	17	9	26	..
	1896	C	17	18	6	3	1	1	24	22	46	72
Mossel Bay	1895	E	10	10	4	5	..	..	14	15	29	..
	1896	C	23	15	4	8	..	1	27	24	51	80
	1895	E	1	2	1	2	..	..	2	4	6	..
	1896	C	2	5	4	3	..	..	6	8	14	20
Murraysburg	1895	E	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	3	..
	1896	C	7	4	9	13	..	..	16	17	33	36
	1895	E	8	8	6	8	..	..	14	16	30	..
	1896	C	66	49	60	61	3	..	129	110	239	269
Namaqualand	1895	E	7	4	12	13	..	..	19	17	36	..
	1896	C	58	61	80	86	1	4	139	151	290	326
	1895	E	25	19	20	28	..	..	45	47	92	..
	1896	C	105	89	58	60	1	..	164	149	313	405
Oudtshoorn	1895	E	58	54	30	35	..	..	88	89	177	..
	1896	C	146	156	78	103	..	1	224	260	484	661
	1895	E	21	15	26	16	..	..	47	31	78	..
	1896	C	105	103	52	46	..	1	157	150	307	385
Paarl	1895	E	15	17	11	8	..	..	26	25	51	..
	1896	C	85	63	41	38	..	..	126	101	227	278
	1895	E	..	6	2	2	..	..	2	8	10	..
	1896	C	124	172	73	93	..	..	197	265	462	472
Peddie	1895	E	..	3	3	1	..	..	3	4	7	..
	1896	C	80	57	83	97	..	..	163	154	317	324
	1895	E	8	4	2	7	..	..	10	11	21	..
	1896	C	11	7	12	11	2	..	25	18	43	64
Philip's Town	1895	E	7	6	3	3	..	..	10	9	19	..
	1896	C	12	13	12	10	1	1	25	24	49	68
	1895	E	30	16	19	10	..	..	49	26	75	..
	1896	C	28	27	17	22	..	1	45	50	95	170
Piquetberg	1895	E	34	32	24	29	..	..	58	61	119	..
	1896	C	41	63	28	30	..	..	69	93	162	281
	1895	E	14	5	6	6	..	..	20	11	31	..
	1896	C	100	110	53	48	..	..	153	158	311	342
Port Elizabeth	1895	E	9	12	6	7	1	..	16	19	35	..
	1896	C	161	190	53	47	..	..	214	237	451	486
	1895	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	4	2	7	1	..	..	11	3	14	..
Port Nolloth	1895	E	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	2	..
	1896	C	6	7	8	7	..	..	14	14	28	30
	1895	E	5	4	7	8	..	..	12	12	24	..
	1896	C	12	12	14	9	2	1	28	22	50	74
Prieska	1895	E	7	8	5	12	8	20	..
	1896	C	14	17	12	10	..	1	26	28	54	74

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Prince Albert	1895	E	3	4	7	6	10	10	20	..
	1896	C	7	6	8	6	..	1	15	13	28	48
	1895	E	15	12	9	10	..	1	25	22	47	..
	1896	C	13	11	14	13	..	..	27	24	51	98
Queenstown	1895	E	14	23	28	17	..	..	42	40	82	..
	1896	C	12	7	42	18	3	1	57	26	83	165
	1895	E	20	15	33	25	..	..	53	40	93	..
	1896	C	7	5	37	12	2	..	46	17	63	156
Richmond	1895	E	3	4	10	7	..	..	13	11	24	..
	1896	C	6	4	16	9	..	..	22	13	35	59
	1895	E	10	5	9	9	..	..	19	14	33	..
	1896	C	9	8	5	11	..	..	14	19	33	66
Riversdale	1895	E	3	5	4	1	..	..	7	6	13	..
	1896	C	1	4	3	3	..	..	4	7	11	24
	1895	E	7	1	6	4	..	..	13	5	18	..
	1896	C	8	3	1	10	..	..	9	13	22	40
Robertson	1895	E	20	28	16	33	..	..	36	61	97	..
	1896	C	32	28	12	28	1	..	45	56	101	198
	1895	E	16	10	13	13	..	..	29	23	52	..
	1896	C	24	20	17	14	..	..	41	34	75	127
Simon's Town	1895	E	8	10	14	12	..	..	22	22	44	..
	1896	C	21	19	11	9	..	..	32	28	60	104
	1895	E	12	10	20	14	..	..	32	24	56	..
	1896	C	13	12	16	8	..	..	29	20	49	105
Somerset East	1895	E	9	11	9	10	..	..	18	21	39	..
	1896	C	11	6	17	7	..	..	28	13	41	80
	1895	E	8	7	7	9	..	..	15	16	31	..
	1896	C	13	14	14	18	..	..	27	32	59	90
Stellenbosch	1895	E	10	7	14	18	..	..	24	25	49	..
	1896	C	37	46	34	46	1	..	72	92	164	213
	1895	E	9	9	17	20	..	..	26	29	55	..
	1896	C	41	35	44	37	..	..	85	72	157	212
	1895	E	5	1	8	5	..	..	13	6	19	..
	1896	C	1	6	3	4	..	..	4	10	14	33
Steynsburg	1895	E	14	12	9	7	..	..	23	19	42	..
	1896	C	6	13	5	8	..	..	11	21	32	74
	1895	E	6	1	..	8	..	..	6	9	15	..
	1896	C	3	6	4	11	..	..	7	17	24	39
Stockenstrom	1895	E	4	3	5	5	..	..	9	8	17	..
	1896	C	4	2	3	4	..	..	7	6	13	30
	1895	E	..	4	3	3	..	..	3	7	10	..
	1896	C	..	3	3	1	..	..	3	4	7	17
Stutterheim	1895	E	1	2	4	3	..	..	5	5	10	..
	1896	C	1	..	2	1	..	..	3	1	4	14
	1895	E	..	..	6	4	..	..	6	4	10	..
	1896	C	2	..	..	2	..	..	2	2	4	14
Sutherland	1895	E	4	3	1	..	..	..	5	3	8	..
	1896	C	..	..	3	7	..	..	3	7	10	18
	1895	E	4	7	10	6	..	..	14	13	27	..
	1896	C	6	5	10	5	..	..	16	10	26	53
Swellendam	1895	E	6	5	8	9	..	..	14	14	28	..
	1896	C	5	8	5	10	..	..	10	18	28	56
	1895	E	10	3	2	4	..	..	12	7	19	..
	1896	C	5	1	3	6	1	3	9	10	19	38
Tarka	1895	E	10	6	18	4	28	10	38	..
	1896	C	4	12	8	6	12	18	30	68
	1895	E	1	..	2							

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Prince Albert ..	10	9	8	8	18	17	35	
1895 (E)	15	19	14	13	2	2	31	34	65	..	100	
1896 (C)	14	16	9	9	23	25	48	
Queenstown ..	27	31	22	19	1	..	50	50	100	..	148	
1895 (E)	7	6	7	3	..	..	14	9	23	..	..
1896 (C)	87	83	69	75	..	..	156	158	314	..	337
Richmond ..	4	6	12	5	..	..	16	11	27	..	..
1895 (E)	83	98	55	75	1	1	139	174	313	..	340	
1896 (C)	2	1	1	1	..	..	3	2	5	..	..
Riversdale ..	6	8	13	10	..	..	19	19	38	..	43
1895 (E)	2	5	3	2	..	..	5	7	12	..	..
1896 (C)	18	24	10	11	..	..	28	35	63	..	75
Robertson ..	12	15	17	11	..	1	29	27	56	..	..
1895 (E)	18	21	18	31	..	..	36	52	88	..	144
1896 (C)	21	17	15	16	..	..	36	33	69	..	..
Simon's Town ..	32	26	18	18	..	..	50	44	94	..	163
1895 (E)	26	15	13	13	..	..	39	28	67	..	..
1896 (C)	61	46	30	21	4	4	95	71	166	..	233	
Somerset East ..	19	19	12	15	..	..	31	34	65	..	..
1895 (E)	46	40	21	32	..	2	67	74	141	..	206	
1896 (C)	1	5	3	3	..	..	4	8	12	..	..
Stellenbosch ..	4	8	2	1	..	..	6	9	15	..	27
1895 (E)	3	3	1	..	..	..	4	3	7	..	..
1896 (C)	3	3	1	4	..	..	4	7	11	..	18
Steynsburg ..	12	13	18	16	..	..	30	29	59	..	..
1895 (E)	62	66	37	49	..	4	99	119	218	..	277	
1896 (C)	21	26	15	7	..	..	36	33	69	..	..
Stockenstrom ..	92	98	51	42	..	..	143	140	283	..	352
1895 (E)	11	7	4	7	..	..	15	14	29	..	..
1896 (C)	64	52	36	23	1	1	101	76	177	..	206	
Stutterheim ..	7	3	6	4	..	..	13	7	20	..	..
1895 (E)	41	28	13	10	1	..	55	38	93	..	113	
1896 (C)	4	4	3	2	..	..	7	6	13	..	..
Sutherland ..	6	7	4	3	..	1	10	11	21	..	34	
1895 (E)	7	9	3	1	..	..	10	10	20	..	..
1896 (C)	13	9	4	3	..	..	17	12	29	..	49
Swellendam ..	3	..	4	2	..	..	7	2	9	..	..
1895 (E)	39	46	34	35	..	..	73	81	154	..	163
1896 (C)	1	2	2	1	..	..	3	3	6	..	..
T. rka ..	88	73	37	46	1	..	126	110	245	..	251	
1895 (E)	..	..	3	1	..	..	3	1	4	..	..
1896 (C)	49	33	24	19	..	..	73	52	125	..	129
Tulbagh ..	1	2	3	1	..	..	4	3	7	..	..
1895 (E)	34	37	27	23	..	..	61	60	121	..	128
1896 (C)	6	3	4	7	..	..	10	10	20	..	..
Uitenhage ..	5	5	7	4	..	..	12	9	21	..	..
1895 (E)	12	4	8	8	..	..	20	12	32	..	41
1896 (C)	6	9	2	6	..	1	8	16	24	..	..
Uniondale ..	23	20	19	25	..	1	42	46	88	..	..
1895 (E)	28	32	15	30	..	2	43	64	107	..	195	
1896 (C)	20	23	25	12	..	..	45	35	80	..	..
Van Rhy'n's Dorp ..	35	54	17	39	..	..	52	93	145	..	225
1895 (E)	1	2	5	3	..	..	6	5	11	..	..
1896 (C)	22	18	8	10	6	10	36	38	74	..	85	
Walfish Bay ..	1	2	6	8	..	..	7	10	17	..	..
1895 (E)	28	25	10	20	..	..	38	45	83	..	100
1896 (C)	6	4	6	4	..	..	12	8	20	..	..
Wodehouse ..	42	42	26	23	1	4	69	69	138	..	158	
1895 (E)	6	6	5	3	..	..	11	9	20	..	..
1896 (C)	40	45	21	24	..	1	61	70	131	..	151	
Worcester ..	15	9	9	7	2	..	26	16	42	..	..
1895 (E)	105	92	72	97	1	12	178	201	379	..	421	
1896 (C)	32	14	14	6	..	..	46	20	66	..	..
Wynberg ..	117	144	89	82	1	4	207	230	437	..	503	
1895 (E)	9	8	19	18	..	..	28	26	54	..	..
1896 (C)	20	23	15	30	2	3	37	56	93	..	147	
Ynvald ..	10	4	8	13	..	..	18	17	35	..	..
1895 (E)	14	16	35	1	1	..	31	67	98	..	123	
1896 (C)	3	4	5	2	8	6	14	
Ynvald ..	17	8	12	9	1	3	30	20	50	..	64	
1895 (E)	5	3	3	2	8	5	13	
1896 (C)	11	13	5	18	16	31	47	..	60	

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Victoria East ..	1	1	2	3	3	4	7	
1895 (E)	2	3	7	2	1	..	10	5	15	..	22	
1896 (C)	1	2	4	3	5	5	10	
Victoria West ..	3	1	6	2	9	3	12	..	22	
1895 (E)	5	5	10	5	..	..	15	10	25	..	..
1896 (C)	3	4	16	3	..	..	19	7	26	..	51
Willowmore ..	8	6	9	8	..	..	17	14	31	..	..
1895 (E)	9	10	6	10	..	..	15	20	35	..	66
1896 (C)	4	4	8	..	..	..	12	4	16	..	..
Wodehouse ..	3	3	7	5	1	..	11	8	19	..	35	
1895 (E)	6	6	7	8	..	..	13	14	27	..	..
1896 (C)	13	4	13	9	..	..	26	13	39	..	66
Worcester ..	3	1	9	3	..	..	12	4	16	..	..
1895 (E)	1	6	10	5	..	..	11	11	22	..	38
1896 (C)	2	6	5	4	..	..	7	10	17	..	..
Wynberg ..	3	3	12	4	..	..	15	7	22	..	39
1895 (E)	12	10	19	21	1	..	32	31	63	..	..
1896 (C)	77	71	32	28	..	..	109	99	208	..	271
Ynvald ..	17	10	11	8	..	..	28	18	46	..	..
1895 (E)	30	39	19	23	..	..	49	62	111	..	157
1896 (C)	50	50	57	42	..	..	107	92	199	..	..
Ynvald ..	154	170	92	74	2	2	248	246	494	..	693	
1895 (E)	65	40	54	61	..	..	119	101	220	..	..
1896 (C)	128	116	96	92	1	..	225	208	433	..	653	
Total for Colony Proper	945	864	1259	921	10	1	2214	1786	4000	..	..
1895 (E)	1506	1501	1712	1095	89	34	3307	2630	5937	..	9937	
1896 (C)	998	776	1330	924	6	..	2334	1700	4034	..	..
1896 (C)	1455	1298	1957	1215	28	7	3440	2520	5960	..	9994	
Total for East Griqualand	6	6	4	7	..	..	10	13	23	..	..
1895 (E)	9	5	17	10	..	..	26	15	41	..	64
1896 (C)	..	..	6	2	..	..	6	8	14	..	..
1896 (C)	8	5	24	24	..	..	32	29	61	..	69
Total for Tembuland	1	2	14	4	..	..	15	6	21	..	..
1895 (E)	2	5	20	4	1	..	23	9	32	..	53	
1896 (C)	2	5	11	5	..	..	13	10	23	..	..
1896 (C)	1	1	12	6	..	..	13	7	20	..	43
Total for Transkei ..	..	..	4	1	..	..	4	1	5	..	..
1895 (E)	1	2	3	4	..	..	4	6	10	..	15
1896 (C)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1896 (C)	2	..	16	3	..	..	18	3	21	..	21
Total for Bechuanaland	..	1	3	..	..	..	3	1	4	..	..
1895 (E)	1	..	..	2	..	..	1	2	3	..	7
1896 (C)	17	19	19	14	..	..	36	33	69	..	..
1896 (C)	10	5	30	7	..	..	40	12	52	..	121
Walfish Bay ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1895 (E)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1896 (C)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1896 (C)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
GRAND TOTAL	952	873	1284	933	10	1	2246	1807	4053	..	..
1895 (E)	1519	1513	1752	1115	90	34	3361	2662	6023	..	10076	
1896 (C)	1017	800	1366	945	6	..	2389	1745	4134	..	..
1896 (C)	1476	1309	2039	1255	28	7	3543	2571	6114	..	10248	

No. 6.—RETURN showing as regards Certified Cases of Death which occurred in the Colony Proper in each of the Class Totals of the various Diseases, with continuation regarding

Table with columns for CAUSES OF DEATH, age groups (0 Day to 1 Month, 1 Month to under 6 Months, etc.), and years (1895, 1896). Rows include Class I (Zymotic Diseases, Parasitic Diseases), Class II (Dietetic Diseases and Chronic Poisons), Class III (Constitutional Diseases), Class IV (Developmental Defects and Impediments), and Class V (Nervous System, Special Sense Organs, Circulatory System, Respiratory System, Alimentary Canal, Liver).

years 1895 and 1896, the detailed ages of European and Coloured Persons of each Sex, arranged by Sub-Class and European Cases outside Colony Proper. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1897.)

Table with columns for age groups (20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 85 and upwards, Total over 5 Years, Ages un-specified, All Ages) and rows for years (1895, 1896). Rows include Total Class I, Total Class II, Total Class III, Total Class IV, Total Class V, and Total Class VI.

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Table with columns for CAUSES OF DEATH, age groups (0 Day to 1 Month, 1 Month to under 6 Months, etc.), and years (1895, 1896). Rows include Class V (Lymphatic System, Urinary System, etc.) and Class VI (Violence, Accident, or Negligence, Suicide, Murder, Execution, etc.).

years 1895 and 1896, the detailed ages of European and Coloured Persons of each Sex, arranged by Sub-Class and European Cases outside Colony Proper. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1897.)

Table with columns for age groups (20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 and upwards, Total over 5 Years, Ages un-specified, All Ages) and rows for years (1895, 1896). Columns include M. F. for each age group, and totals for Persons and All races.

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Table with columns for age groups (0 Day to 1 Month, 1 Month to under 6 Months, etc.) and rows for years (1895, 1896) and regions (Total Certified, Total Uncertified, etc.).

* Six weeks.

years 1895 and 1896, the detailed ages of European and Coloured persons of each Sex, arranged by Sub-Class and European Cases outside. (Events taken out to 15th April, 1897).

Table with columns for age groups (20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80 and upwards, Total over 5 Years, Ages un-specified, All Ages) and rows for years (1895, 1896) and regions (Total Certified, Total Uncertified, etc.).

(a) 541 Cases included which were returned under numerical system without distinction of sex or age.

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CAUSES OF DEATH.	Colony Proper excluding Bechuanaland.											
	Certified.						Uncertified.					
	Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecified.		Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecified.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Zymotic Diseases.—Cont.												
SUB-CLASS II.—PARASITIC DISEASES.												
Thrush, Stomatitis ..	(E) 1	2	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	1	..	..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..
Hydatids ..	(E) ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
From other animal parasites	(E) ..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
	(C) 3	3	1	..	..	..	21	26	1	3	..	..
TOTAL SUB-CLASS II.	(E) 1	3	1	1	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..
	(C) 3	3	3	4	..	..	24	27	1	3	..	..
TOTAL CLASS I.	(E) 408	329	424	303	..	..	272	297	167	190	..	..
	(C) 540	523	755	566	5	..	1664	1731	937	1100	9	9
CLASS II.—Dietetic Diseases and Chronic Poisons.												
Starvation—Want of breast milk	(E) 5	1	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	(C) 8	9	..	1	..	..	10	8	4	5	..	..
Scurvy ..	(E) ..	..	20	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rickets ..	(E) 1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) 2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Intemperance—(a) Chronic Alcoholism including affections of special organs	(E) ..	..	30	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	9	1	..	..	..	3	1	1	..	..
(b) Delirium Tremens ..	(E) ..	..	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Others ..	(E) ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL CLASS II.	(E) 6	4	40	6	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	(C) 10	13	32	3	..	..	10	9	8	6	1	..
CLASS III.—Constitutional Diseases.												
Rheumatic Fever, Rheumatism of the Heart	(E) ..	..	13	3	..	..	..	4	3	..	..	..
	(C) ..	1	6	13	..	..	3	1	30	15	..	..
Rheumatism and Sub-acute	(E) ..	1	2	4	..	..	..	4	1	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	10	3	..	..	..	13	9	..	..	..
Osteo-arthritis ..	(E) ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gout ..	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	1	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
Cancer (Malignant Disease)—(a) Sarcoma ..	(E) 1	..	11	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(b) Carcinoma ..	(E) ..	..	20	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(c) Epithelioma ..	(E) ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
(d) Undefined ..	(E) ..	1	47	43	..	..	..	47	25	..	..	..
	(C) 1	1	32	25	1	..	3	18	24	..	2	..
Anemia, Chlorosis ..	(E) ..	2	1	1
	(C)	1	1	1
Others ..	(E) 1	..	1	1	1
	(C) ..	2	..	1	1
TOTAL CLASS III.	(E) 2	4	98	75	1	..	57	29
	(C) 1	4	60	48	1	..	3	4	63	49	..	2

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CAUSES OF DEATHS.	Tembuland, Transkei, East Griqualand, British Bechuanaland and Walfish Bay.												Whole Colony.		
	Certified.						Uncertified.						1896.	1895.	
	Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecified.		Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecified.		M.	F.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Zymotic Diseases.—Cont.															
SUB-CLASS II.—PARASITIC DISEASES.															
Thrush, Stomatitis	2	3	2	1
	4	1	3	4
Hydatids	1	1	8	2
	1	3	5	5
From other animal parasites	1	2	1	..
	26	33	17	12
TOTAL SUB-CLASS II.	4	6	11	3
	31	37	25	21
TOTAL CLASS I.	10	8	12	4	..	..	20	27	14	11	..	1327	1169	1199	1083
	5	1	17	12	..	..	279	261	322	293	3	4536	4497	4552	4687
CLASS II.—Dietetic Diseases and Chronic Poisons.															
Starvation—Want of breast milk	3	2	..	..	..	5	3	4	5
	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	27	19	11
Scurvy	1	1	..
	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	23	3	4	..
Rickets	1	2	..	4
	2	3	3	..
Intemperance—(a) Chronic Alcoholism including affections of special organs	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	33	4	22	6
	13	2	16	10
(b) Delirium Tremens	10	1	8	1
	4	..	3	..
Others	1	..	1
	1	3	1
TOTAL CLASS II.	2	..	..	..	3	2	1	..	..	49	12	35	18
	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	6	3	1	73	36	48	22
CLASS III.—Constitutional Diseases.															
Rheumatic Fever, Rheumatism of the Heart	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	18	7	16	10
	4	5	..	43	35	29	18
Rheumatism and Sub-acute	1	1	..	8	7	7	5
	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	12	11	..	14	..
Osteo-arthritis	1	..

Gout	2	..	1	..
	1	..	1	2
Cancer (Malignant Disease)—(a) Sarcoma	12	4	2	5
	1	3	1
(b) Carcinoma	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	18	20	17
	8	2	5	4
(c) Epithelioma	3	..	1	1
	1	..
(d) Undefined	2	..	..	..	..	..	4	1	..	98	72	73	57
	5	4	..	60	59	49	52
Anaemia, Chlorosis	1	3	4	3
	1	1	3	2
Others	3	1	..	..
	4	..	..
TOTAL CLASS III.	1	3	2	2	6	2	..	165	113	124	104
	4	21	20	..	155	129	114	96

(c) Including one case Chronic Opium Poison.

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Table with columns for CAUSES OF DEATH, Certified (Under 5 Years, Over 5 Years, Unspecified), and Uncertified (Under 5 Years, Over 5 Years, Unspecified). Rows include CLASS IV.—Developmental Defects and Degeneration (Premature Birth, Accidents during Child-birth, etc.) and CLASS V.—Local Diseases (Acute Inflammation of the Brain, etc.).

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CAUSES OF DEATH.	Colony Proper excluding Bechuanaland.											
	Certified.						Uncertified.					
	Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspeci- fied.		Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspeci- fied.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Class V.—Continued.												
SUB-CLASS II.—DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF SPECIAL SENSE.												
Otitis, Otorrhoea	(E) ..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	2	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Epistaxis and Diseases of Nose	(E) 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Ophthalmia and Diseases of Eye	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL SUB-CLASS II	(E) 1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	..
SUB-CLASS III.—DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.												
Heart Disease (Valvular Disease)	(E) 5	3	103	94	..	..	1	1	32	24	..	..
	(C) 2	3	110	83	3	4	4	1	67	37	1	..
Pericarditis	(E) 3	..	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
	(C) 1	1	7	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Hypertrophy, Dilatation, Fatty Degeneration of Heart	(E) ..	..	7	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	4	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Angina Pectoris	(E) ..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Syncope	(E) 2	4	13	12	1	..	..	..	2	1	..	..
	(C) 2	2	21	12	1	..	..	..	2	3	1	..
Apoplexy (Cerebral Hemorrhage)	(E) ..	..	62	44	1	..	..	..	21	27	..	..
	(C) 1	1	48	40	..	..	..	..	28	16	..	3
Aneurism	(E) ..	..	15	2	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	8	6	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Senile Gangrene	(E) ..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Embolism	(E) ..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Varicose Veins	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Thrombosis and Phlebitis	(E) ..	1	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) 1	1	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other	(E) ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
TOTAL SUB-CLASS III	(E) 10	8	210	178	2	..	1	1	58	53	..	..
	(C) 7	9	208	155	4	4	4	1	103	57	2	3
SUB-CLASS IV.—DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.												
Laryngitis	(E) 4	3	..	1	..	..	1	3	..	..	..	..
	(C) 3	..	2	..	1	..	6	3	1	2	..	..
Other diseases of the Larynx and Trachea	(E) 1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) 1	1	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Asthma, Emphysema	(E) ..	..	5	6	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	5	5	..	..	12	8	46	42	1	..
Bronchitis	(E) 47	38	34	28	..	..	21	12	10	6	..	..
	(C) 153	138	40	47	..	..	119	138	44	66	..	..
Pneumonia	(E) 74	55	88	38	..	..	74	73	70	51	..	..
	(C) 174	154	299	110	..	..	236	213	305	259	1	5
Pleurisy, Hydrothorax	(E) 3	3	10	8	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	..
	(C) 2	4	15	6	..	..	..	2	13	..	..	..
Hæmoptysis	(E) ..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	(C) ..	1	7	8	..	..	..	1	7	4	..	1
Other	(E) ..	..	5	..	..	..	2	1	8	4	..	..
	(C) 2	4	3	1	..	..	139	136	168	151	13	13
TOTAL SUB-CLASS IV	(E) 129	100	145	84	98	91	89	64
	(C) 335	302	372	179	1	..	512	501	584	537	14	20

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CAUSES OF DEATH.	Tembulend, Transkei, East Griqualand, British Bechuanaland and Walfish Bay.												Whole Colony.			
	Certified.						Uncertified.						1896.		1895.	
	Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspeci- fied.		Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspeci- fied.		M.		F.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Class V.—Continued.																
SUB-CLASS II.—DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF SPECIAL SENSE.																
Otitis, Otorrhoea	(E) ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	3	1
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	4	2
Epistaxis and Diseases of Nose	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	3
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	2	1
Ophthalmia and Diseases of Eye	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
TOTAL SUB-CLASS II	(E) ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	4	4
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	7	4	6	4
SUB-CLASS III.—DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.																
Heart Disease (Valvular Disease)	(E) ..	..	3	1	..	..	..	1	4	2	..	..	148	126	160	129
	(C) ..	..	2	3	..	..	2	1	14	3	..	..	205	135	166	163
Pericarditis	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	3	2	..
	(C) ..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	4	9	5
Hypertrophy, Dilatation, Fatty Degeneration of Heart	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	11	10	11
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	3	2
Angina Pectoris	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	5
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..
Syncope	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	19	17	26	18
	(C) ..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	19	19	20
Apoplexy (Cerebral Hemorrhage)	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	86	72	75	57
	(C) ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	79	62	58	79
Aneurism	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	2	6	4
	(C) ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	6	6	..
Senile Gangrene	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	3	2	..
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..	..
Embolism	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	5	4	2
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	6	2
Varicose Veins	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1	..
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	..
Thrombosis and Phlebitis	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	2
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	1	..
Other	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
TOTAL SUB-CLASS III	(E) ..	..	3	1	..	..	..	1	8	4	..	..	292	246	293	224
	(C) ..	..	7	5	..	..	2	1	20	6	..	..	357	241	272	271
SUB-CLASS IV.—DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.																
Laryngitis	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	7	8	5
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	5	2	2
Other diseases of the Larynx and Trachea	(E) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	3	2
	(C) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	15	3
Asthma, Emphysema	(E)	6	9	5	11
	(C)	1	2	64	58	37	34
Bronchitis	(E) 2	1	3	1	10	7	3	120	89	111	102
	(C) 1	3	3	7	3	3			

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CAUSES OF DEATH.	Colony Proper excluding Bechuanaland.											
	Certified.						Uncertified.					
	Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspeci- fied.		Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspeci- fied.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Class V.—Continued.												
Sub-Class VII.—Diseases of the Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands.—Continued.												
Myxodema	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Addison's Disease	E	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL SUB-CLASS VII ..	(C)	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
SUB-CLASS VIII.—DISEASES OF THE URINARY SYSTEM AND ORGANS OF GENERATION.												
Bright's Disease, Nephritis, Uremia	(E)	2	2	52	21	..	..	14	3	..	..	..
Suppression of Urine	(C)	9	7	55	26	..	..	12	3	2	..	..
Calculus	(E)	1	..	2	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Hæmaturia	(C)	..	..	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Diseases of Bladder and of Prostate	(E)	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
Stricture of Urethra	(C)	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Ovarian Disease	(E)	..	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of Uterus and Vagina	(C)	..	..	6	3	..	..	1	1	..	..	..
Disorders of Menstruation	(E)	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pelvic Abscess	(C)	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perineal Abscess	(E)	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of Testis, Penis and Scrotum	(C)	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other	(E)	1	..	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
TOTAL SUB-CLASS VIII ..	(C)	4	2	72	34	..	..	19	3	..	..	..
SUB-CLASS IX.—DISEASES OF PARTURITION.												
Abortion, Miscarriage	(E)	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Mania	(C)	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Convulsions	(E)	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Placenta Prævia, Flooding	(C)	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Phlegmasia Alba Dolens	(E)	2
Other Accidents of Child Birth	(C)	8
TOTAL SUB-CLASS IX ..	(E)	29	..	1

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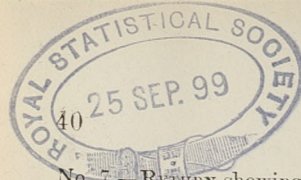
CAUSES OF DEATH.	Tembuland, Transkei, East Griqualand, British Bechuanaland and Walfish Bay.												Whole Colony.				
	Certified.						Uncertified.						1896.		1895.		
	Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspeci- fied.		Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspeci- fied.		1896.		1895.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Class V.—Continued.																	
Sub-Class VII.—Diseases of the Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands.—Continued.																	
Myxodema	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Addison's Disease	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
TOTAL SUB-CLASS VII ..	(C)	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	3	10	6	2
SUB-CLASS VIII.—DISEASES OF THE URINARY SYSTEM AND ORGANS OF GENERATION.																	
Bright's Disease, Nephritis, Uremia	(E)	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	69	28	63	35	..	..
Suppression of Urine	(C)	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	83	37	49	39	..	..
Calculus	(E)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	12	1	..	..
Hæmaturia	(C)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	9	3	..	..
Diseases of Bladder and of Prostate	(E)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	..
Stricture of Urethra	(C)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ovarian Disease	(E)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of Uterus and Vagina	(C)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Disorders of Menstruation	(E)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pelvic Abscess	(C)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perineal Abscess	(E)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of Testis, Penis and Scrotum	(C)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other	(E)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL SUB-CLASS VIII ..	(C)	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	6	3	97	42	94	58	..	..
SUB-CLASS IX.—DISEASES OF PARTURITION.																	
Abortion, Miscarriage	(E)	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	8	..
Puerperal Mania	(C)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	..	9	..
Puerperal Convulsions	(E)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Placenta Prævia, Flooding	(C)	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Phlegmasia Alba Dolens	(E)
Other Accidents of Child Birth	(C)
TOTAL SUB-CLASS IX ..	(E)	3	5	..	68	..	66

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CAUSES OF DEATH.	Colony Proper excluding Bechuanaland.											
	Certified.						Uncertified.					
	Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecified.		Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecified.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Class V.—Continued.												
SUB-CLASS X.—DISEASES OF THE BONES AND JOINTS.												
Caries, Necrosis	1	..	3	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arthritis, Ostitis, Periostitis	..	1	6	6	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Other	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..
TOTAL SUB-CLASS X.	1	1	3	5	..	..	..	..	5	1	..	..
SUB-CLASS XI.—DISEASES OF THE INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM.												
Carbuncle	..	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..
Eczema	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pemphigus	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other	..	..	1	4	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL SUB-CLASS XI.	2	2	2	1	..	..	1	2	2	..	..	..
TOTAL CLASS V.	441	335	599	451	2	..	439	352	248	219	..	..
	710	608	849	506	10	5	1745	1597	966	921	28	35
CLASS VI.—Violence.												
SUB-CLASS I.—ACCIDENT OR NEGLIGENCE.												
Fracture of Bones	2	..	27	4	1	..	1	..	4	..	..	..
Contusions of Muscles and Viscera	5	1	41	3	..	..	10	1	..	..	..	..
Gunshot Wounds	3	1	16	1	1	..	4	..	11	3	..	..
Cuts, &c.	3	1	45	4	1	..	5	2	34	3	1	1
Burn, Scald	1	..	7	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Sunstroke	..	..	3	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	..	..
Lightning	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Exposure	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Drowning	2	3	9	3	1	..	5	2	16	6	2	..
Suffocation	3	3	24	8	..	1	4	8	30	9	1	..
Poison	4	3	4	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Bite of Snake or Insect	13	13	12	..	9	..	9	8	4	..	..	..
Other	3	1	10	4	1	..	2
TOTAL SUB-CLASS I.	17	10	104	24	4	..	13	6	48	9	2	..
	40	26	164	42	11	1	58	49	136	64	5	1

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CAUSES OF DEATH.	Tembuland, Transkei, East Griqualand, British Bechuanaland and Walfish Bay.												Whole Colony.			
	Certified.						Uncertified.						1896.		1895.	
	Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecified.		Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecified.		M.	F.	M.	F.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Class V.—Continued.																
SUB-CLASS X.—DISEASES OF THE BONES AND JOINTS.																
Caries, Necrosis	4	5	4	6	E
Arthritis, Ostitis, Periostitis	8	7	10	3	C
Other	3	..	2	..	E
TOTAL SUB-CLASS X.	13	8	11	6	C
SUB-CLASS XI.—DISEASES OF THE INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM.																
Carbuncle	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	2	1	E
Eczema	2	1	..	..	C
Pemphigus	2	..	..	..	E
Other	2	5	1	..	C
TOTAL SUB-CLASS XI.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	5	3	1	E
TOTAL CLASS V.	6	13	16	12	..	..	24	22	19	18	..	1794	1422	1571	1334	E
	10	6	20	10	..	..	270	272	358	382	2	4968	4342	4432	4089	C
CLASS VI.—Violence.																
SUB-CLASS I.—ACCIDENT OR NEGLIGENCE.																
Fracture of Bones	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	35	5	63	7	E
Contusions of Muscles and Viscera	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	59	5	168	18	C
Gunshot Wounds	1	..	8	2	..	..	..	12	2	1	..	111	15	10	4	E
Cuts, &c.	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	12	1	7	2	E
Burn, Scald	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	11	1	13	..	C
Sunstroke	4	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	6	1	9	..	E
Lightning	13	13	10	14	E
Exposure	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	63	53	80	C
Drowning	1	..	..	..	5	6	1	..	..	14	4	4	2	E
Suffocation	6	7	7	9	C
Poison	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	1	4	2	E
Bite of Snake or Insect	44	35	42	16	C
Other	2	..	..	..	2	1	18	17	..	1	2	5	2	E
TOTAL SUB-CLASS I.	1	..	2	..	..	..	2	2	7	3	..	40	16	34	6	C
TOTAL CLASS VI.	2	..	..	..	16	6	2	..	..	49	5	49	6	E
	1	2	1	..	2	2	7	3	..	73	36	90	33	C
TOTAL CLASS VI.	8	5	6	7	E
	51	24	31	21	C
TOTAL CLASS VI.	17	5	8	3	E
	12	4	15	7	C
TOTAL CLASS VI.	3	3	1	2	E
	10	15	14	11	C
TOTAL CLASS VI.	6	4	2	..	E
	33	9	25	5	C
TOTAL CLASS VI.	199	53	163	47	E
	3	1	26	8	12	12	60	27	1	516	231	511	210	C



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CAUSES OF DEATH.	Colony Proper excluding Bechuanaland.											
	Certified.						Uncertified.					
	Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecifed.		Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unsp. cited.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Class VI.—Continued.												
SUB-CLASS II.—SUICIDE.												
Gunshot Wounds	E	..	..	7	2	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Cut, Stab	E	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poison	E	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
Drowning	E	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Hanging	E	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
Other	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	2	..
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..
TOTAL SUB-CLASS II. ..	E	..	..	9	4	..	..	..	..	6	1	1
	C	..	..	7	1	..	..	..	..	7	2	..
SUB-CLASS III.—HOMICIDE.												
Murder, Manslaughter ..	E	..	2	4	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..
	C	2	1	12	4	..	..	1	..	5	1	..
SUB-CLASS IV.												
Execution	C	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL CLASS VI. ..	E	17	12	114	29	4	..	13	6	55	11	3
	C	42	27	187	47	11	1	59	49	148	67	5
CLASS VII.—Illdefined and not Specified.												
Dropsy, Anasarca	E	..	1	3	2	..	..	..	..	27	35	..
	C	..	3	8	4	..	..	3	8	74	70	..
Debility, Atrophy, Inanition	E	25	18	..	1	..	..	17	21	1	3	..
	C	45	31	6	1	..	..	75	71	7	7	..
Mortification, Gangrene (not Senile or Hospital)	E	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tumour (kind or situation unspecified)	E	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	C	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..
Vomiting	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Abscess	E	2	..	..	2	..	..	2	5	2	..	..
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..
Hæmorrhage	E	..	..	1	3	..	..	1	1	1	5	..
	C	2	..	3	1	..	..	2	1	11	9	..
Sudden (cause unascertained)	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	C	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
"Natural Causes"	E	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	1
	C	2	..	2	1	..	..	1	2	5	3	1
Not specified or ill-defined ..	E	2	..	2	1	..	..	13	11	3	6	..
	C	3	3	4	2	1	..	73	61	58	43	4
Fever	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	7	12	19	..
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	156	156	153	140	22
TOTAL CLASS VII. ..	E	29	19	8	10	..	..	40	41	46	69	..
	C	50	37	27	11	1	..	317	312	324	288	27
GRAND TOTAL	E	998	776	1330	924	6	..	811	731	611	559	3
	C	1155	1298	1957	1215	28	7	3958	3883	2635	2657	74

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CAUSES OF DEATH.	Tembuland, Transkei, East Griqualand, British Bechuanaland and Walfish Bay.												Whole Colony.				
	Certified.						Uncertified.						1896.		1895.		
	Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecifed.		Under 5 Years.		Over 5 Years.		Unspecifed.		1896.		1895.		
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Class VI.—Continued.																	
SUB-CLASS II.—SUICIDE.																	
Gunshot Wounds	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	10	2	6	..
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Cut, Stab	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	7	1
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poison	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Drowning	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	4	1
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hanging	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
TOTAL SUB-CLASS II. ..	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	17	5	23	2
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	20	10	15	12
SUB-CLASS III.—HOMICIDE.																	
Murder, Manslaughter ..	E	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	8	4	1	2
	C	1	..	7	..	..	..	2	..	1	1	..	..	30	8	18	5
SUB-CLASS IV.																	
Execution	C	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	..	3	..
TOTAL CLASS VI. ..	E	3	2	4	1	..	..	1	1	13	2	..	..	224	62	187	51
	C	..	..	38	13	..	..	14	12	63	30	1	..	571	249	547	227
CLASS VII.—Illdefined and not Specified.																	
Dropsy, Anasarca	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	..	..	33	42	38	48
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	13	..	..	100	101	95	108
Debility, Atrophy, Inanition	E	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	46	44	71	68
	C	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	165	151	223	198
Mortification, Gangrene (not Senile or Hospital)	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2	1
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	8	3
Tumour (kind or situation unspecified)	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	8
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2	7	4
Vomiting	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	1
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Abscess	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	8	7	12
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	1	2
Hæmorrhage	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	33	29	24
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	9	6	4
Sudden (cause unascertained)	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2
"Natural Causes"	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	5	6
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	7	134	123
Not specified or ill-defined ..	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	19	113	112
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	319	243	1632	1553
Fever	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	27	..	..
	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	634	615	..	..
TOTAL CLASS VII. ..	E	1	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	4	5	..	..	130	146	243	252
	C	..	..	2	..	..	..	312	269	253	237	1	5	1314	1191	2203	2072
GRAND TOTAL	E	19	24	36	21	..	..	51	51	59	39	..	..	3924	3125	3617	3043
	C	21	11	82	40	..	..	889	822	1079	1013	10	6	12188	11036	12437	11749

	1895.			1896.		
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.
Tembuland	138	108	246	715	763	1478
Transkei	267	220	487	210	176	386
Bechuanaland	..	..	..	97	59	156
Total	405	328	733	1022	998	2020

In 1895 uncertified cases of "Fever" were included in unspecified. In 1896 they are shown separately. *641 not distinguished by sexes.

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Table with columns for District, Disease (Smallpox, Measles, Influenza, Whooping Cough, Diphtheria and Membranous Group, Typhoid Fever, Cerebro Spinal Meningitis), and Age (Under 5 Yrs., Over 5 Yrs., Total). Rows include Western Coast districts like Namaqualand, Van Rhynsdorp, and Cape Town, and South-S.E. Coast districts like Caledon, Bredasdorp, and Swellendam.

* Taken out to 15th April, 1897.

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Table with columns for District, Disease (Diarrhoea, Dysentery, Enteritis, Phthisis, Other Forms of Phthisis including Scrofula, &c., Leprosy, Cancer, Bronchitis, Pneumonia), and Age (Under 5 Yrs., Over 5 Yrs., Total). Rows include districts like Namaqualand, Van Rhynsdorp, and Cape Town.

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District.		Smallpox.			Measles.			Influenza.			Whooping Cough.			Diphtheria and Membranous Croup.			Typhoid Fever.			Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.		
		Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.
		SOUTH—S.E. COAST.—Contd.																				
Riversdale	1895	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mossel Bay	1895	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
George	1895	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Knysna	1895	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uniondale	1895	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Humansdorp	1895	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uitenhage	1895	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port Elizabeth ..	1895	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Alexandria	1895	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bathurst	1895	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Albany	1895	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Peddie	1895	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
East London	1895	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Komgha	1895	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
King Wm.'s Town ..	1895	E
	1896	E
Victoria East	1895	E
	1896	E
Stockenstrom	1895	E
	1896	E

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District.		Diarrhoea.			Dysentery.			Enteritis.			Phthisis.			Other Forms of Phthisis including Scrofula, &c.			Leprosy.			Cancer.			Bronchitis.			Pneumonia.		
		Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.			
		SOUTH—S.E. COAST.—Contd.																										
Riversdale	1895	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mossel Bay	1895	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
George	1895	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Knysna	1895	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uniondale	1895	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Humansdorp	1895	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uitenhage	1895	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Port Elizabeth ..	1895	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	C	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Alexandria	1895	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Bathurst	1895	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	1896	E	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Albany	1895	E		
	1896	E		
Peddie	1895	E		
	1896	E		
East London	1895	E		
	1896	E		
Komgha	1895	E		
	1896	E</																								

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DISTRICT.	Smallpox.			Measles.			Influenza.			Whooping Cough.			Diphtheria and Membranous Croup.			Typhoid Fever.			Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.			
	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	
	INLAND OR KARROO.— <i>Cont'd.</i>																					
Colesberg	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Britstown	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Philipstown	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Hope Town	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Herbert	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Kimberley	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Barkly West	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Hay	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
GRAND TOTAL FOR COLONY PROPER ..	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

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DISTRICT.	Diarrhoea.			Dysentery.			Enteritis.*			Phthisis.			Other Forms of Phthisis including Scrofula, &c.			Leprosy.			Cancer.			Bronchitis.			Pneumonia.		
	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.	Under 5 Yrs.	Over 5 Yrs.	Total.			
	INLAND OR KARROO.— <i>Cont'd.</i>																										
Colesberg	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Britstown	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Philipstown	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Hope Town	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Herbert	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Kimberley	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Barkly West	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Hay	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
GRAND TOTAL FOR COLONY PROPER ..	1895	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
	1896	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		

* Including 1 case of Enteritis in Glen Grey District in 1896.